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Presidential Address

To the 135th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society
Adyar, 26 December 2010

It is a great privilege to welcome all of you to this 135th Convention of our Society. I hope you will enjoy Adyar, apart from benefiting from the Convention. It is a special occasion every year which enables us to meet together, and to exchange ideas and learn to be closer friends. Let us rise to pay our respects to those Great Beings who have been good enough to see that the Society started with their blessings.

May those who are the embodiments of Love immortal bless with their help and guidance this Society, founded to be a channel for their work. May They inspire it with their Wisdom, strengthen it with their Power, and energize it with their Activity.

What did the Mahatmas intend when they promoted the founding of the Theosophical Society? We cannot know exactly what was in their minds, but we do know that they spoke about the need for the work. In fact they seemed to have regarded it as a 'forlorn hope', but worth putting energy into because it is fundamental for human progress. One of the Mahatmas wrote to Sinnett: 'I will send you an essay showing why in Europe more than anywhere else, a Universal Brotherhood that is an association of "affinities" of strong, magnetic yet dissimilar forces and priorities, centred around one dominant idea, is necessary for successful achievements in occult sciences. What one will fail to do — the combined many will achieve.'

The purpose behind this is not to abolish different or dissimilar activities, but to create a sense of unity, a common

purpose. There are religions, cults, communities in which people are strongly united; so much so that they do not encourage differences of opinion. But the Theosophical Society was meant from the very beginning to bring together diverse elements, people of different races, or preferring a particular religion, speaking different languages, with various cultural and educational backgrounds, yet united by common ideals and aims. It is easy to feel sympathetic to people who agree with us, or agree with any opinion that a particular leader has. But that is not what Universal Brotherhood is intended to be. Dissimilarity must flourish, but there must be oneness, cooperation in working for the progress of humanity, and of all other creatures. We who pledge ourselves to the spirit of Universal Brotherhood must work to bring about that spirit in any part of the world where we are working, and

then only we will be fulfilling the aim of the Theosophical Society.

From time to time differences become seemingly important, and people who are speaking about Universal Brotherhood do not feel that brotherhood even towards some fellow members, colleagues or workers is necessary. Is it possible for them to be friends, even if there are differences? Can we learn to feel that differences are not very important, and therefore remain without resentment or aggressive opposition to those who differ from us? Can we differ and yet come together as friends to find a common solution to world problems, which means agreeing to disagree, and continuing to work together? If such a spirit were in the Society it would become much stronger and develop the work it needs to do much better.

A second very important point is the question of authority. In Letter No.10 the Mahatmas speak about how authority in churches or church-like organizations makes abject slaves of people. This attitude makes for total incompatibility with the work of the Theosophical Society.

Some modern scientists agree with Theosophists that all of evolution works to develop more and more intelligence. Of course intelligence in the worldly sense, ordinary intelligence, is not meant, because there is such a thing as spiritual intelligence, which is understanding based on the absolute unity of existence. When consciousness is at the level of unity it sees everything in a different light. The growth of intelligence is obstructed when

people are encouraged or even forced to believe what they are told. Therefore, in the Theosophical Society we are not called upon to believe, but to examine everything freely for ourselves. HPB wrote that this attitude will bring about real understanding. But we must not lose this sense that we are one body of people sharing noble ideals. Perhaps, this teaching is both 'profound and practical'. Therefore as members of the Theosophical Society we must be careful not to be attached to superstitions, to fixed ideas, or to all that is demanded by our environment or to truth in a particular place. This means any idea, simply because it is part of the racial prejudice or religious thinking around us. To be inwardly free is the mark of a Theosophist.

So a Theosophist must understand that he must free himself of all that holds the mind back, and at the same time have a genuine desire to bring about the brotherhood of humanity and suitable institutions that will advance the world.

This is what is needed for the Theosophical Society to make itself known in the world, and to arrest the attention of the highest minds. It is not enough to have nice friendly relationships between all of us from different parts of the world, but one that is based on free thinking and the approach to questions of life. Only this will make humanity move forward.

In one of the letters from the Mahatmas to Sinnett it is said that human nature has not changed for millennia, because of prejudice and the general human tendency which makes people unwilling to

alter their way of life. But members of the Theosophical Society must make this Society dynamic; not clinging to old patterns of thought. Though members belong to many religions even if they are not practising them, still the mind remains conditioned by old ideas and beliefs. Many members think that one of the Objects of the Society exists in order to bring people of different religions — Hindus, Christians, Buddhists, Jews, etc. — together. This is only a partial truth, but in reality what the second Object of the Society tries to encourage is that Hindus should be true and not pseudo-Hindus; Christians should be really Christian, and not pretending to accept the teachings of Christ; and so on. If this Object is applied all superstitions and wrong thoughts would be eliminated from every religion, and people will become true Christians, Muslims, Hindus, etc. Unity will become a reality then, and all of them will be taught the same perennial truths, although some part of every religion will have to be discarded.

How many of us have the courage to free ourselves from the superstitions and wrong thoughts of our community and our religion? How many have the courage to realize that merely following authority does not lead to true religious consciousness. This is in fact the essence of one of the resolutions passed by the Society and printed in *The Theosophist*. We must be seekers for the Truth and find out what is true. When we find out — although it may be what others have discovered — we will know it for certain and know this is the

Truth. We have to concentrate our vital magnetic force against the hostile currents of prejudice and fanaticism. Those who know what union is, understand that truth is not an idea, but it comes from the ardent desire to know it for oneself. To be a true worker for the Theosophical cause, a true Theosophist, means rejecting all ideas which are pernicious, like a thought-made God.

HPB wrote that to be a Theosophist one may not necessarily recognize the existence of a special God or Deity. In fact this is a highly divisive idea, and gives the opportunity to some to exploit others. Rejecting such ideas can be profoundly religious if there is a recognition of the Divine Presence, that of living Nature which is everywhere.

We may say that if members are true to the Objects of the Society, the Theosophical Society would not be religious in a conventional sense, but truly religious because of a great sense of reverence and respect for everything in manifestation. That Presence is everywhere, it is needless to say. The Theosophical Society is meant to be an instrument for the upliftment of human consciousness which is imprisoned now by fear, superstition, old patterns of thought, and so on. The symbology of the *Bhagavadgītā* is the confrontation between old ways of thinking, conditioned by fellow men and women, culture, tradition, etc. It is a new way of thinking, to bring which an awakening has to come into being. This happens only when the mind has detached itself from old patterns and ideas.

HPB tells us: 'He who abandons the old and trodden highway of routine and enters upon the solitary path of independent thought, Godward, he is a Theosophist.' He is an original thinker with an inspiration of his own. Our Society needs, not so much to enrol new members, but to be an important agent to new levels of thought, to humanity as a whole.

The solitary path is not the path of self-will, or a determination to abandon the old for the new made by the lower mind. It is the path to the sacred, the eternal, the imperishable, which may be called God. What the Theosophical Society needs is not merely to enrol new members, but to leaven the thought of humanity as a whole. Members of the Theosophical Society must be among pioneers in whatever field they are working. The Society will lose its importance and its energy, if the members are satisfied with action at a pedestrian level. It is amazing to look

back and to see what could be done by outstanding Theosophists like Col. Olcott. Not only was he able to achieve many things outwardly, but he kindled the nobility and thoughtfulness of thousands of people whom he addressed. It was a very real question for him to unite the world in every possible way by breaking down barriers of the mind, and holding up Universal Brotherhood. He was a man whom the Adepts said they could trust under all circumstances. Can we as members have something of those qualities, that spirit of self-sacrifice for the good of mankind at every level?

What one person cannot do, many can, as the Master says. Together, jointly, we can bring about changes in the world that mean real progress. For that to happen our feelings must be right, and we must cooperate and work together for the common ideal of humanity's progress and perfection.

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The special Theosophical event of the year was the tenth World Congress; such Congresses are held from time to time in some part of the world. This time it was held in the city of Rome, Italy, and was attended by more than five hundred persons. The main theme of the Congress was 'Universal Brotherhood without Any Distinction — the Road to Awareness'. The Congress had been very well organized by the Italian Section, with the Vice-President, Mrs Linda Oliveira,

keeping in touch and making suggestions. There were thirty-nine countries represented, the largest contingent being from Italy. But there were also members from other areas besides Europe, and all met in a spirit of friendship. The whole atmosphere of the Congress was harmonious, and the speakers, and other programmes, were very good. There is a comprehensive account with many photos on the website.

The Indian Section has a membership of 12,597, the largest by far in the

Theosophical Society. There were a number of interesting programmes and various activities at the Section Headquarters at Varanasi. An important occasion was the conference on 'Peace and Conflict' which was held at the Headquarters in Varanasi. The South Indian Conference and the Study Camps in different parts of the Section all helped to strengthen the work. The national lecturers travelled to different places and besides them, there were others who did similar work in this area. The *Indian Theosophist* brought out a special issue for the centenary of the publication of *At the Feet of the Master*. The Indian Section has some large problems concerning property; one of them is that the city of Varanasi proposes to take part of the peripheral area of the compound to widen a road.

The Theosophical Society has suspended its activities in Pakistan recently because the political conditions were most unfavourable.

The National President in Australia visited some of the Lodges in the Section, and Dr Edi Bilimoria, Education Coordinator, visited a number of places as did some other members who gave programmes in parts of the Section. The Education Unit has been preparing varied material to augment the work of the Lodges and Branches. Mr Colin Price toured the Section in March and visited a number of Lodges. The membership is about twelve hundred. The National Convention was held in Launceston, Tasmania, and the theme was on the interesting subject of 'Divine Wisdom in

Art, Science and Philosophy'.

In New Zealand, the National Convention was held at Napier with the theme 'After 2012, what Next?' An increased number of participants attended the School of Theosophy which was held at the Tauhara Centre. Prof. Ravi Ravindra presented a series of lectures on 'Science and Spirituality'. Many members have passed away including Mr Conrad Jamieson who lived at Adyar for several years.

The TS in the Philippines has been very active. Mr R. Doval-Santos was elected as General Secretary with Mr Victor Peñaranda as his immediate helper. The Guest Speaker at the Convention was former Chief Justice R. S. Passo.

Twenty-six delegates from the East and Central African Section attended the World Congress in Rome. The Nairobi Lodge has issued four-monthly programmes and is incorporating these in the Section magazine. The Nairobi Lodge has a rich collection of books in its library which is housed in part of the building that they own. Everything has gone on as usual. *Theosophy Explained* by Pavri was studied at Kitwe Lodge in Zambia and this resulted in an increase in the number of sympathizers. Mufulira Lodge is holding weekly programmes. Many of the Lodges in East and Central Africa do a lot of TOS work, and the Nairobi Lodge made a considerable donation as part of its programme.

In South Africa the National Convention was well attended and held at Durban. The theme was 'The Ocean of Theosophy'. The Germiston Lodge is

constructing a new building, and programmes are going on well with an intensive course on basic Theosophy.

The membership of the West African Section has hardly changed. At Ghana, the Section celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary on 17 November 2010. Three members, Paul Kwakyi, John Boakye and Macford Attigah attended the World Congress in Rome. Copies of *The Theosophist* from Adyar are distributed to public libraries, universities, etc. The work in the Ivory Coast is beginning to show improvement after much political disturbance.

The English General Secretary has sent a report full of optimism. They are selling Tekels Park but will continue to have some programmes there. Their magazine *Insight* has been discontinued and articles will be put into another magazine called *Esoterica* which goes to many besides the Theosophical members. The Summer School was held in Liverpool, where the chief speaker, Mr David Roef, gave talks on the teachings of *The Secret Doctrine*, etc. The Section has undergone a good measure of self-renewal and a sense of purpose, we are told.

Both members and the public are attending meetings in Wales. Colwyn Bay Lodge has been revived after a break of about ten years. Mrs Maureen Atkinson visited the area.

In Scotland it was reported that they had a very encouraging year with an increase in the attendance at Lodge meetings, and they intend to strengthen the vitality and visibility of the Lodges in

Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee.

The membership in Ireland is said to be growing steadily, and good work has been achieved. Belfast Lodge held regular weekly meetings and Phoenix Lodge in Dublin held monthly meetings. A number of enquirers and sympathizers are said to have attended the all-Ireland Convention, where Miss Mary Anderson's presence was much appreciated.

In Sweden the membership is small, with about one hundred and fifty members. Mr Curt Berg who was a strong pillar of the Society passed away during the year. This year they did not have a summer school, as some members attended the World Congress.

Norway does not have sufficient members to form a Section, but two Lodges have been holding meetings, and it is to be hoped that in the future new members will join and the Section be re-established.

The Icelandic Section is now under a new General Secretary, Ms Anna Valdimarsdottir, who says that there were fifty-one talks which were advertised in the main newspapers and open to the public. On Saturdays they open with a meditation followed by informal talks and refreshments. The Theosophical Society is publishing an Icelandic translation of *Seek Out the Way* and a book by Sigvaldi Hjalmarrson, *A Kind of Silence*. At its General Meeting, the Section decided on a new name which will be used within the country only.

The Finnish Section held public lectures in seventeen towns and regular Lodge meetings in twenty-two towns.

Miss Mary Anderson was the chief guest at the Summer School. Two programmes were held at Kreivila, on 'Change your thoughts — you change your life'.

The Belgian Section has ninety-seven members in eight Lodges. Three Lodges have their programmes in the new headquarters building in Brussels, while the others function as usual. The Flemish branch in Ghent is very active as are the two in Antwerp. The Centenary of the Section will be held in June 2011 in the new headquarters building.

In France, the 111th Convention, on the theme 'Tradition and Revolution', was held. The building was renovated so that it is more useful. The magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* is sent to Belgium and other French-speaking countries.

There are ten Lodges and nine Study Centres in the Netherlands with a total membership of four hundred. The General Secretary says there is close cooperation between the Theosophical Society and the International Theosophical Centre. The publishing house, bookshop and library are open and available to the public.

In Germany, a new Lodge has been formed, which means there are seven Lodges. The Summer School had Miss Mary Anderson as Guest-speaker.

A new Lodge with twelve members has been formed in Ascona in Switzerland, where a seminar took place on Fraternity, Compassion and Liberation. The Lodge in German-Switzerland had to be dissolved.

Mr Theodoros Katsifis was again elected as General Secretary of Greece. During the year Mr Ricardo Lindemann

gave an inspired lecture at the Ypatia Lodge. The magazine *Ilisos* was published regularly. A new study group named Procris was founded on the Island of Cephalonia. Kabeiros Lodge was chartered at Alexandropolis. An increase of forty-three new members added to the total membership, which is now two hundred and seventeen.

We already mentioned the Italian Section at the beginning of this report. A great deal of energy in the Section was spent in organizing the World Congress. The General Secretary, Mr Antonio Girardi, has been re-elected for a further three years. Book sales increased by 17%. Lists of new books and new issues are given in their magazine *Rivista Italiana di Teosofia*. The Theosophical Order of Service in this country has been successful in a variety of activities including making 'teddies' for children who have suffered tragedy.

The General Secretary of Spain gave some talks including speaking at Lodges in Portugal. The School of the Wisdom was held in August with Mr Martin Leiderman as guest speaker. The *Bhagavadgītā* and a book on *The Essentials of the Masters* by C. Jinarājadāsa were published.

The Theosophical Society in Hungary has a membership of forty-one, and has been trying to expand, although it is a difficult task in a country formerly under Communist rule. Three Lodges are active. Two of them have studied Theosophy. The Society has been able to publish translations of Powell's work on *The*

Solar System and Annie Besant's *Esoteric Christianity*.

Mrs Breda Zagar has been elected as the new Regional Representative for Slovenia. At the school in Buda, *The Noble Eightfold Path* was studied by all the Lodges and a Winter School at Soncek was entirely dedicated to 'Working for Adyar'. The Lotus Lodge in Croatia has twenty-two members and six applicants. There is still only one Lodge in Croatia.

There are four Lodges and more than seventy members in the Ukraine. The keynote for study was 'Science and Spirituality'. In Kiev, about sixty persons from Russia and Ukraine took part in a conference. All the groups celebrated White Lotus Day, and several members attended the World Congress in Rome.

Although the membership in the American Section has fallen by approximately two hundred and fifty members, the National President, Mrs Betty Bland, reports 'a year of intense activity'. David Bruce was appointed as the new National Secretary, but will also be responsible for the educational work. The programmes for prisons have continued. In the audio-video department there are one hundred and thirty-five titles. The Olcott Memorial Library activities have gone on well.

There were several Summer Schools and some other programmes during the year in Argentina. *The Theosophist* in Spanish continues to be translated and is printed there. In addition to the fifteen Lodges, the Section has an administrative connection with Lodge *Fraternidad*, Asuncion, in Paraguay, which holds

weekly meetings. Regular meetings are also held at the Theosophical Centre at San Rafael.

Brazil has a membership of 747, but 1500 copies of their magazine are printed for circulation. Five regional secretaries have been appointed to stimulate the TS, and several videos were sent to each region. Emphasis is laid on relating study to practical living.

Mrs Isis Resende, from Brazil, gave a series of talks in Montevideo in December 2009. In March 2010 there was another series of talks on 'The Path of Vegetarianism'. Mrs Dolores Gago spoke on 'Ancient Wisdom — Modern Insight' in April and May.

The work continues in Venezuela, Colombia and Chile. In Colombia, meetings were held throughout the year and Theosophical books were studied. Chile reports that members have contributed towards the rebuilding of the Lodge after the earthquake. It was also reported that electronic publications were well received.

The work, including study courses, in Cuba, continued with enthusiasm. The annual convention was held with the theme 'The Law of Unity and the Present Theosophical Society'. All the members of the Lodges have tried to maintain inner harmony. Some members attended the World Congress in Italy.

The General Secretary in Mexico organized a number of well-attended courses. Ms Isis Resende travelled with the General Secretary around the Section and held courses for the members and the public. A Wisdom School of Theosophy

was conducted by Lissette Arroyo and was held in Morelos.

The work is going on as usual in Bolivia. In La Paz, programmes were carried on and they received a few visitors. The Lodge Teotl in El Salvador celebrated one hundred years since it was founded.

In Peru, eight public lectures were arranged during the year, and a course of Esoteric Philosophy was offered by Sister Edith Pomar. On Christmas Day, a big celebration was held which all the members enjoyed. The TOS collected medicines, clothes, etc., for old people. The Theosophical Society has won the first of a three-part judgement to get their land and have a good possibility of success later.

The work has gone on as usual in Costa Rica and very recently an application to charter a new Lodge was received. Mrs Maria Orlich reported that all the important Theosophical days were celebrated but there was a small decrease of three members.

In the Dominican Republic, Mr Terry Hunt gave lectures, and visited two places. There were about forty participants and many were not members. Mrs Nelda Samarel gave a public lecture on 'The Aura and Invisible Human Fields'.

The Singapore Lodge has three hundred and sixty-six members, an increase of twenty-two over last year. Singapore could easily become a Section, except for the fact that there is only one Lodge in this small country. The International President visited Singapore on her way back from the World Congress

in Rome and spoke on 'Future Work'.

The Nippon Lodge held monthly meetings at Tokyo with an average attendance of twelve. They studied H. P. Blavatsky's works, and also published some translations, the most recent being Irving Cooper's *Theosophy Simplified*. A bi-monthly Japanese *Theosophist* goes out, which is appreciated.

In Adyar, the Headquarters of the whole Society, there have been changes in the personnel. The present International Secretary, Mrs Kusum Satapathy, and her husband, Mr Chittaranjan Satapathy, are both helping with the work. Mrs K. Satapathy has been the International Secretary since the middle of last year. Mr Satapathy is looking after a good part of the Olcott Education Society which deals not only with the education of the poor, but with the education of us ourselves. Mr Ramkumar, an experienced electrical engineer, is now the head of the Maintenance Department.

The Olcott Education Society and its components are doing well, but we intend to start work of a different kind for those who do not necessarily take a university degree. We will start as soon as the Krishnamurti School finishes its work here in 2014, on the land owned by the Society. The new programme will take the form of education in various crafts and aspects of life, such as looking after sick people, which will be taught to girls, as well as crafts like good paper making and electrical and other useful skills for boys.

The Olcott Education Society has several units of which the biggest is the

Olcott School, founded by the first President. It has around five hundred and twenty students. All get free education, breakfast, textbooks, two sets of uniforms, notebooks, etc. The children and their parents come from poor backgrounds and they get advice and support. Computer literacy has started. Talks have begun on Theosophical concepts by Mr Harihara Raghavan. Forty-eight out of fifty-three students passed out; among them a young man, Naveen Kumar, scored 477 marks out of 500, and received a laptop computer and commendations.

The Social Welfare Centre runs day-care for about one hundred pre-school children, who receive free food, fruits, etc. The children learn colouring, alphabets, songs and dance. Dr Revathy visits the Centre regularly and gives guidance on health care.

The HPB Hostel is a free hostel where accommodation is provided for boys who come from troubled homes. During recent holidays the children undertook a plastic removal campaign in the Theosophical Society's compound.

The Animal Dispensary has been working since 2001, but there is a shortage of personnel at present, which we hope will be put right soon. More than nine thousand animals were treated for infections, fractures, etc. A number of dogs and cats were sterilized, and new homes were found for thirteen puppies and other animals.

The Scout Camping Centre has gone on well, but the buildings have to be repaired. There were a number of camps

during the year, which meant that many boys and girls enjoyed the camping ground.

The Theosophical Publishing House had a good year, despite decreasing grants from the US, UK and Australia. Two new publications and several reprints were brought out. Manpower constraints continue to be a problem but a co-publishing alliance with some publishers has proved a success.

The Adyar Library has functioned well. It has as its new Director, Dr K. N. Neelakantan Elayath, who was Head of the Sanskrit Department of the University of Calicut, and has many publications to his credit. Publications and reprints were brought out during the year as usual and all other work went on normally despite shortage of personnel.

The Theosophical Order of Service organized a very successful fund-raising sale at the World Congress in Rome. A variety of programmes are carried out in many parts of the world. The making of 'teddies' for children suffering from tragedies has been a huge success. Ms Lorraine Christensen is coordinating a committee which has been set up to support United Nations projects. Mrs Nelda Samarel has distributed a booklet entitled *Helping the Dying*. Those who want to, can contact the directors in various countries, and Mrs Diana Dunningham.

Members must be aware that owing to political changes there are also other changes; for example, Pakistan is now out of our purview but the Ukraine with

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its four Lodges has to be regarded as part of the Society. We hope that one day the whole world can be included. The extent of the Society's teachings and influence has a role in this work. We are hopeful of a change in the world's position. We are entering a new era in which we find many

people's lives and ideas are changing, although there is much woe and confusion at present. During this century, let us hope that there will be a move to be truly Theosophical whether it is called by that name or not.

RADHA BURNIER

THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

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TREASURER'S REPORT 2009-2010

The salient features of the Income and Expenditure Account of the Society for the year ended 31st March 2010 are as under:

1. Income:

The Income for the year was Rs.12,603,405/-. The details are as follows:

	Year ended 31.03.2010 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2009 Rs.
Interest Received	16,907,385	16,488,239
Fees and Dues	2,153,651	3,454,084
Surplus from		
Theosophical Publishing House	951,960	1,257,055
General Donations	283,294	213,820
Licence Fees	139,000	132,000
Miscellaneous Receipts	<u>96,447</u>	<u>30,434</u>
	20,531,737	21,575,632
Less: Interest transferred to earmarked funds	7,928,332	7,861,758
Interest accrued & not due of previous year	<u>-</u>	<u>731,281</u>
	<u>12,603,405</u>	<u>12,982,593</u>

The net interest income received for the year was Rs. 8,979,053/-, after transferring a sum of Rs. 7,928,332/- to earmarked funds. The gross interest for the year ended 31.03.10 has increased by Rs. 419,146/- as compared to the previous year, due to an increase in investments.

The Fees and Dues received during the year amounted to Rs. 2,153,651/-, as against Rs. 3,454,084/- in the previous year. The Theosophical Publishing House (TPH) shows a surplus of Rs. 951,960/- in the current year, as against Rs. 1,257,055/- in the previous year. There is an increase in the income from publication and for the year it is Rs. 3,612,315/- as compared to Rs. 3,174,885/- in the previous year, but the surplus has reduced mainly due to exchange fluctuation. General Donations received during the year amounted to Rs. 283,294/-, as against Rs. 213,820/- in the previous year, an increase of Rs. 69,474/-.

2. Expenditure:

The net expenditure of the Society for the year is Rs. 16,476,153/-, as against Rs. 17,037,266/- in the previous year. The break-up is as follows:

	Year ended 31.03.2010 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2009 Rs.
Departments	6,622,670	7,082,764
Charitable work	3,129,421	3,277,759
Propagation of Theosophy	1,897,040	1,852,679
International Offices	717,761	536,367
Establishment	2,837,787	2,941,529
Other Expenses	<u>1,271,474</u>	<u>1,346,168</u>
	<u>16,476,153</u>	<u>17,037,266</u>

(a) Departments

The net expenditure of the Departments for the year is Rs. 6,622,670/-, compared to Rs. 7,082,764/- in the previous year. The broad details are as follows:-

Departments	Year ended 31.03.2010 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2009 Rs.
Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers	320,890	291,930
Garden	1,185,815	982,678
Maintenance	<u>5,115,965</u>	<u>5,808,156</u>
	<u>6,622,670</u>	<u>7,082,764</u>

Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers show a deficit of Rs. 320,890/-, in the current year, as against the deficit of Rs. 291,930/- in the previous year. Boarding receipts have reduced to Rs. 750,538/- in the current year, as compared to Rs. 853,346/- in the previous year. Though there is a steep increase in commodities and other prices, we are still providing food at subsidized rates. The Boarding charges have been increased in April 2010. Lodging shows a surplus of Rs. 178,049/-, as against Rs. 77,811/- in the previous year. Though there is a moderate increase in quarters maintenance, at the same time due to paucity of workers the expenditure is also less and hence there is a surplus.

The deficit in the Garden is Rs. 1,185,815/- in the current year, compared to Rs. 982,678/- in the previous year. Drip irrigation has been introduced in another part of the coconut grove. Expenditure on drip irrigation and a drop in sales of coconuts are the main reasons for the negative gross return in the cultivation account.

In respect of the Maintenance Department, the net expenditure is Rs. 5,115,965/- in the current year as against to Rs. 5,808,156/- in the previous year. The following were the major expenses:

	Year ended 31.03.2010	Year ended 31.03.2009
	Rs.	Rs.
Electricity Charges	1,816,338	1,824,949
Water Supply Installations Maintenance	208,201	179,004
Electrical Installation Maintenance	196,707	199,277
Sanitary Installations Maintenance	68,364	75,215
Boundaries	1,908,479	1,349,901
Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings	1,077,214	2,329,932
Other Maintenance costs including		
Depreciation	554,527	577,635
Office Salaries and Other Expenses	739,807	800,315
	6,569,637	7,336,228
Less: Recoveries	1,453,672	1,528,072
Net Deficit	5,115,965	5,808,156

Repairs and maintenance of buildings, electricity costs, and repairs on boundary walls constitute a significant part of the overall expenses of the Maintenance Department, besides other expenses such as maintenance of water supply and electrical installations and office expenses. Renovation of the Headquarters Building was done during the year. Renovation of Leadbeater chambers is likely to be taken up shortly. Many buildings are old and will need renovation in the next few years. The cost of building materials like cement, iron, electrical, plumbing, etc., have increased considerably. Labour has also become scarce and very expensive. The labour charges are almost double the previous year's. Therefore, a significant increase in the Maintenance Department expenditure is anticipated in the coming years.

(b) Charitable Work

The amount spent on charitable work for the year was Rs. 3,129,421/- as against Rs. 3,277,759/- in the previous year. The charitable expenses include the amounts spent on education, animal welfare, social welfare, hostel and medical aid.

(c) Propagation of Theosophy

The expenditure on Propagation of Theosophy for the year was as follows:

		Year ended 31.03.2010	Year ended 31.03.2009
		Rs.	Rs.
Adyar Library and Research Centre	(Net)	594,300	769,829
<i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i>	"	62,561	115,119
Archives and Museum	"	76,249	66,808
Vasanta Press	"	463,369	162,392
School of the Wisdom	(Gross)	59,752	102,517
Book Gifts	"	98,128	139,235
Convention and Seminars	"	528,664	490,951
Others		14,017	5,828
		1,897,040	1,852,679

In the case of the Adyar Library, the net deficit is Rs. 594,300/- in the current year, as against Rs. 769,829/- in the previous year. The decrease in the deficit is mainly due to an increase in sales and other receipts. The *Theosophist* and *Adyar Newsletter* show a deficit of Rs. 62,561/- in the current year, as compared to Rs. 115,119/- in the previous year. The subscription income has increased because of an increase in subscription rates last year. The deficit for Vasanta Press is Rs. 463,369/- in the current year, as against Rs. 162,392/- in the previous year, an increase of Rs. 300,977/- which is mainly due to no increase in Printing receipts and an increase in input cost. The expenditure of the School of the Wisdom is Rs. 59,752/- in the current year, compared to Rs. 102,517/- in the previous year. An amount of Rs. 98,128/- was utilized for book gifts as compared to Rs. 139,235/- in the previous year.

(d) Other Costs:

The total cost of Establishment and International Offices was Rs. 3,555,548/-, as against Rs. 3,477,896/- in the previous year.

3. Net Surplus:

There is a surplus of Rs. 497,390/- in the current year, as compared to a surplus of Rs. 465,658/- in the previous year.

4. Capital Expenditure:

The total amount spent on the Capital account was Rs. 855,655/- and relates to air conditioner, computers, power tiller, pump sets, office appliances and other assets.

5. Overall Position:

The overall financial position of the Society continues to be satisfactory. During the year the Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund, which is the Society's main endowment fund, rose from Rs. 58,853,849/- to Rs. 59,230,850/- and Other Funds from Rs. 112,741,572/- to Rs. 117,550,371/-.

Although the overall financial position seems to be satisfactory, viewed against ever increasing financial requirements for repairing/renovating a number of old buildings, compound walls and providing somewhat reasonable remuneration to the employees, liberal donations from members and sympathizers are sought.

6. Acknowledgement:

On behalf of the Society, I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the continued support of members throughout the world.

Chennai
Date: 27-8-2010

K. S. DASTUR
Honorary Treasurer

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED

From 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010 (in Rupees)

Name of Section etc.		2008-2009	2009-2010
The Theosophical Society in:	Africa, South	—	17190
	Argentina	88163	—
	Asia, South-East	468	—
	Australia	120787	161837
	Belgium	29419	—
	Bolivia	18911	20002
	Brazil	1220062	—
	Canada	32614	—
	Costa Rica	11293	15800
	Dominican Republic	10045	8584
	Denmark	3905	—
	England	127467	200592
	Finland	59908	118948
	France	78097	—
	Germany	39293	83937
	Iceland	13407	13235
	India	88086	81234
	Indonesia	5087	—
	Ireland	20919	—
	Italy	150955	303740
	Kenya	—	1688
	Mexico	—	22762
	New Zealand	20157	—
	Norway	6884	6683
	Peru	7569	7754
	Portugal	29839	—
	Puerto Rico	61847	16410
	Slovenia	27223	13677
	Spain	86053	91972

Sweden	—	45243
Switzerland	27777	24881
USA	652820	501277
Uruguay	11241	10787
Venezuela	31213	—
Wales	6683	9016
Greece	19854	—
Russia	5669	—
Chille	—	46941
Netherlands	—	238133
EL Salvador	—	592
Lodges attached to Adyar:		
Israel	31017	34627
Japan	5016	38781
Croatia	7870	8144
Ukraine	31131	—
Singapore	209423	—
Fellows-at-large	55912	9184
	<u>3454084</u>	<u>2153651</u>

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For SRIHARI & CO.,
Chartered Accountants

E. S. NEELAKANTAN
Partner

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Schedule Numbers 1 to 7 and Notes on Accounts form part of the Balance Sheet.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee of
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

K.S. DASTUR
Hon. Treasurer

**THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

Year ended 31-3-2009	EXPENDITURE	Year ended 31-3-2010	
		Rs.	Rs.
	Departments: (Net Expenditure)		
291,930	Bhojanasala & Leadbeater Chambers	320,890	
982,678	Garden	1,185,815	
5,808,156	Maintenance	5,115,965	
7,082,764			6,622,670
	Charitable Work:		
617,815	Animal Welfare	778,119	
2,119,000	Education	1,440,000	
24,430	Welfare Grants	39,528	
157,060	Free Dispensary and Medical Aid	161,417	
78,700	School Fees and Books	93,700	
200,154	Social Welfare Work	243,057	
74,000	HPB Hostel	270,000	
—	Theosophical order of service	100,000	
6,600	Others	3,600	
3,277,759			3,129,421
	Propagation of Theosophy:		
769,829	Adyar Library and Research Centre (Net)	594,300	
115,119	<i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i> "	62,561	
4,477	Information and Public Relations "	1,707	
66,808	Archives and Museum "	76,249	
1,351	Theosophy-Science Centre "	12,310	
162,392	Vasanta Press	463,369	
1,119,976		1,210,496	
102,517	School of the Wisdom (Gross)	59,752	
139,235	Book Gift "	98,128	
490,951	Convention & Seminars "	528,664	
732,703		686,544	
1,852,679			1,897,040
	International Offices:		
40,073	President and Vice-President	47,874	
303,380	Treasurer	361,453	
192,914	Secretary	308,434	
536,367			717,761
	Establishment:		
194,399	Headquarters	217,279	
109,108	General Manager's Office	91,648	
414,283	Housekeeping	420,673	
348,266	Sanitation	335,811	
1,875,473	Security	1,772,376	
2,941,529			2,837,787
15,691,098	c / f		15,204,679

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THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31-3-2009	EXPENDITURE - <i>Contd</i>	Year ended 31-3-2010	
Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
15,691,098	b/f		15,204,679
	Other Expenses:		
5,588	Insurance	18,811	
44,650	Legal and Court Expenses	42,000	
104,724	Audit Fees	124,749	
187,633	Rates and Taxes	187,966	
—	Bank Charges	1,895	
777,986	Depreciation	717,241	
84,244	Motor Car Expenses	35,909	
91,135	Miscellaneous	73,094	
104,250	Provision for Gratuity	69,809	
-54,042	Provision for leave encashment	—	
1,346,168			1,271,474
17,037,266			16,476,153
	Less : Transfer from other Funds		
300,373	Adyar Estate Improvement Fund	20,925	
52,000	Security	52,000	
354,457	Garden	345,141	
	Charitable Work:		
617,815	Animal Welfare	778,119	
2,119,000	Education	1,440,000	
200,154	Social Welfare Work	148,101	
74,000	HPB Hostel	205,008	
—	Theosophical Order of Service	100,000	
	Propagation of Theosophy:		
769,829	Adyar Library and Research Centre	594,300	
102,517	School of the Wisdom	59,752	
139,235	Book Gift	98,128	
490,951	Convention & Seminars	528,664	
5,220,331			4,370,138
11,816,935			12,106,015
400,000	Transferred to Education Endowment Fund		—
300,000	Transferred to Adyar Estate Improvement Fund		—
			12,106,015
465,658	Surplus transferred to General Fund		497,390
12,982,593			12,603,405

This is the Income and Expenditure Account referred to in our report of even date.

For SRIHARI & CO.,
Chartered Accountants

CHENNAI
Date: 18 Aug 2010

E. S. NEELAKANTAN
Partner

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31-3-2012

(Rupees in Thousands)

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	Budget 09-10	Actuals 09-10	Budget 11-12		Budget 09-10	Actuals 09-10	Budget 11-12
Departments (Net Expenditure)				Propagation of Theosophy			
Bhojanasala & Leadbeater Chambers	509	321	503	Theosophical Publishing House	819	952	978
Garden	926	1,186	1,445	General Donations	400	283	300
Maintenance	7,264	5,116	6,794	Interest (Net)	9,000	8,979	10,500
Utilization from Other Funds	-800	-366	-800	Interest Accrued and not due (net)	1,000	-	-
Charitable Work				Membership Fees and Dues	2,200	2,154	2,200
Animal Welfare	1,000	778	700	Licence Fees	132	139	144
Education	1,500	1,440	1,600	Miscellaneous Receipts	50	96	100
Welfare Grants	25	39	40	Net Deficit	366	-	352
Free Dispensary & Medical Aid	250	161	200				
School Fees and Books	100	94	120				
Social Welfare Work	200	243	250				
HPB Hostel	200	270	300				
TOS	200	100	100				
Others	30	4	10				
Utilization from Other Funds	-3,200	-2,671	-2,950				
Propagation of Theosophy							
Adyar Library and Research Centre	1,055	594	946				
<i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i>	108	63	69				
Vasanta Press	45	463	54				
Information and Public Relations	10	2	5				
Archives and Museum	150	76	100				
Theosophy-Science Centre	20	12	15				
School of the Wisdom	100	60	100				
Book Gift	300	98	150				
Convention & Seminars	-	529	-				
Workers' Training Camp	20	-	-				
Utilization from Other Funds	-1,800	-1,281	-1,250				
International Offices							
President and Vice-President	60	48	70				
Treasurer	400	361	400				
Secretary	280	308	320				
Establishment							
Headquarters	240	217	260				
General Manager's Office	140	92	140				
Housekeeping	360	421	500				
Sanitation	270	336	450				
Security	2,500	1,772	2,500				
Utilization from Other Funds	-50	-52	-52				
Other Expenses							
Insurance Premiums	30	19	20				
Legal Expenses	40	42	50				
Audit Fees	150	125	150				
Rates and Taxes	300	188	200				
Bank Charges	5	2	5				
Depreciation	800	717	800				
Motor Car Maintenance	60	36	60				
Miscellaneous	100	73	100				
Provision for Gratuity	70	70	100				
Excess of Income over Expenditure	-	497	-				
	13,967	12,603	14,574		13,967	12,603	14,574

OFFICERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS FOR 2010

Executive Committee:

1.	Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President</i>
2.	Mrs Linda Oliveira	<i>Vice-President</i>
3.	Mrs Kusum Satapathy	<i>Secretary</i>
4.	Miss Keshwar Dastur	<i>Treasurer</i>
5.	Mr D. K. Govindaraj	<i>General Council Member</i>
6.	Mr Surendra Narayan	<i>General Council Member</i>
7.	Mr Hrishikesh Sharan	<i>General Council Member</i>
8.	Mr Sriram Panchu	<i>General Council Member</i>
9.	Mr S. Harihara Raghavan	

General Manager

Adyar Library

Director
Librarian

Mr S. Harihara Raghavan
Dr K. N. Neelakantan Elayath
Prof. C. A. Shinde
Mrs Usha Umakanth Rao
Mr Krishnan V.

Bhojanasala

Garden

Housekeeping

Information

Leadbeater Chambers

Maintenance

Medical Service

Museum and Archives

Sanitation

School of the Wisdom

Security

Theosophical Publishing House

Vasanta Press

Superintendent

Director

Mrs Helen Jamieson
Mrs Uma Nilakanta
Mr S. Ramkumar
Dr S. D. Inbaraj

Mr T. S. Swaminathan
Prof. R. C. Tampi
Mr J. Suresh
Mr S. Ramu
Mr S. Harihara Raghavan

OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

	<i>Chairman</i>	President, TS
	<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Miss Keshwar Dastur
	<i>Secretary</i>	Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy
	<i>Treasurer</i>	Mr T. S. Jambunathan
Olcott Memorial School	<i>Headmistress</i>	Ms C. Mary
HPB Hostel		Mrs Vijaya Ravindran
Social Welfare Centre		Mrs R. Mythili
Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary		Dr P. D. Jagannathan

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS 2010

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Total Lodges	944
Total Centres	183
Total Membership 2009	28,587
Total Membership 2010	28,114

Section/Area	Number of		
	Lodges	Centres	Members
1. Africa, East and Central	7	0	211
2. Africa, South	5	2	264
3. Africa, West	11	6	242
4. America, Central	2	1	33
5. Argentina (and Paraguay)	19	9	321
6. Asia, South-East	7	1	166
7. Australia	11	7	1,204
8. Austria	3	0	54
9. Belgium	9	0	97
10. Bolivia	9	3	93
11. Brazil	33	16	707
12. Canada	4	7	171
13. Chile	3	0	36
14. Colombia	7	3	65
15. Costa Rica	3	2	55
16. Cuba	12	0	599
17. Dominican Rep.	2	2	45
18. England	34	6	1,074
19. Finland	25	2	449
20. France	21	2	372
21. Germany	7	1	111
22. Greece	11	3	217
23. Hungary	3	0	41
24. Iceland	9	0	392
25. India	452	0	12,600
26. Indonesia	15	2	244
27. Ireland	2	1	56
28. Italy	36	15	1,082

Section/Area	Number of		
	Lodges	Centres	Members
29. Ivory Coast	3	0	29
30. Mexico	12	0	137
31. Netherlands	10	9	400
32. New Zealand	13	6	890
33. Norway	3	0	15
34. Pakistan			
35. Peru	2	0	23
36. Philippines	20	12	343
37. Portugal	11	0	193
38. Puerto Rico	3	1	49
39. Scotland	3	0	85
40. Slovenia	4	0	59
41. Spain	12	4	313
42. Sri Lanka	9	2	182
43. Sweden	7	0	153
44. Switzerland	5	0	42
45. Togo	3	0	36
46. USA	43	57	3,293
47. Uruguay	5	0	63
48. Venezuela	2	0	15
49. Wales	4	1	99
	936	183	27420

Lodges/Members Attached to Adyar

	Number of		
	Lodges	Centres	Members
1. El Sol Lodge, Ecuador	1	0	12
2. Covenant Lodge, Israel	1	0	85
3. Nippon Lodge, Japan	1	0	66
4. Singapore Lodge	1	0	366
5. Ankh Lodge, Ukraine	1	0	16
6. Aletheia Lodge, "	1	0	15
7. Pearl Necklace, "	1	0	12
8. H. P. Blavatsky, "	1	0	15
9. Lotus Lodge, Croatia	1	0	22
10. Orlando Lodge, USA	1	0	10
11. Fellows-at-Large			75
Total			694

THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

The twelve-month period from April 2009 to March 2010 turned out to be yet another (successive fifth) year of robust financial performance for the Theosophical Publishing House (TPH). Despite many constraints, such as decreasing export orders, total sales grew by a healthy 14%. Income from operations, royalty and copyright fees also remained healthy, with modest increases. Interest income has dropped by two thirds due to the transfer of all surplus money from investments of TPH to the Society's main account. This resulted in a drop in the surplus transferred to capital account. In spite of this, TPH generated a surplus of Rs. 1 million. The number of subscriptions to the two journals, *The Theosophist* and *Adyar Newsletter*, are 1,800 and 700, respectively.

For the period October 2009 to September 2010, two new publications and ten reprints were brought out despite manpower constraints in the Editorial Office. Work is being managed by partly

outsourcing the typesetting of books. Manpower constraints continue to affect operations in the TPH office also. The online bookstore www.adyabooks.com which went 'live' during the last year has taken off well with orders being received regularly.

Following the modest success of a 'co-publishing' alliance formed with Penguin India, TPH formed two more such alliances on attractive terms that have helped increase the reach of the message of the Theosophical Society and also generate additional royalty income for TPH, apart from increasing the general awareness of TPH publications amongst booksellers and readers.

Future plans and work in various stages of progress include new releases such as an Adyar edition of *Ancient Wisdom, Modern Insight* by Shirley Nicholson and two books by Dr Ravi Ravindra.

Mr S. Ramu
General Manager

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

The Centre is functioning efficiently under the able guidance of the scholars in charge. Dr K. N. Neelakantan Elayath, a noted Sanskrit Scholar and Indologist, is an asset to the Centre and has been rendering his service to Adyar Library and Research Centre since 5 September 2009. Smt. T. M. Ramani, Research Assistant, is also doing yeoman service to the research section and to the Library as a whole. The Library is functioning efficien-

tly under the Librarian Prof. C. A. Shinde, Deputy Librarian Smt. Gnanambal Laxman, former Librarian Smt. Parvathi Gopalaratnam and other staff. The Medical Manuscript Research Centre consulted our Library and referred about 4,365 palm-leaf manuscripts this year.

Recent Publications:

1. *Disciples of Sri Sankara* by S. Sankaranarayanan.
2. *Vedic Vāc and Greek Logos* as

Creative Power: A Critical Study by N. Kazanas.

Works nearing completion and proposed for new Reprints:

1. Adyar Library Bulletin 72-73/2008-09.
2. *Descriptive Catalogue of MSS. on Astronomy and Mathematics* by Dr K. V. Sarma.
3. *Introduction to Chāndogyopanishad* by Dr S. Sankaranarayanan.
4. *Gangeśa's Philosophy of God* by Dr S. J. John Vattanky.
5. *The Number of Rasa-s* (ALS. 23).
6. *The Philosophy of Viśishtādvaita* (ALS. 39).
7. *The Sphotavāda* (ALS. 55).
8. *The Edicts of Asoka* (ALS. 72)

Acquisition and Cataloguing:

During the year under report 134 books were purchased and 919 books were accessed, 645 books were catalogued and added to the Library collections. We are thankful for 973 books received from various sources as gifts. Most of the books came from President's Office, TPH, Secretary's Office, TPH Wheaton and Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan.

Service Rendered:

During the year under report a large

number of photocopies were taken, out of which 4,365 were Palm Leaf MSS and Paper MSS, 150 frames of Transcripts, 210 rare books, and other 73 frames of books for the Adyar Library.

During the year under report 1,525 Readers and 598 Borrowers used the Library and consulted 4,941 books and borrowed 960 books; 19 rare books and 571 MSS were consulted.

Conservation and Preservation:

In spite of a dearth of lamination films lamination work has now started. 350 books were bound and 30 books were photocopied and 435 books were repaired.

Computer Section:

4,000 cards were catalogued and entered and 2,000 cards were checked. Computer card typing started from this year.

Scholars and Visitors:

Scholars from various universities used the Library. 5,252 visitors visited the Library during the year.

Prof. C. A. Shinde
Librarian

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

Mr C. Jinarājādāsa, who inaugurated the School of the Wisdom on 17 November 1949 observed that the aim of the School was to enable the individual to 'become one who learns to survey the problem of life directly by himself or herself.' Following this as a guiding

principle, the School conducted four courses in the year.

Mr Colin Price, former General Secretary of the English Section of the TS, conducted a course on 'Theosophy and its Practical Implications' from 5 January to 4 February 2010. He explored

the great significance of Theosophy for understanding the meaning of life and the mystery of human consciousness.

'The Urgency of Transformation' was the general theme of the series of courses conducted in November and December. Swami Chidananda, Director, Rajghat Centre of the Krishnamurti Foundation India, Varanasi, held a course on 'Transformation – the Vedānta Perspective', mainly based on the *Mundaka Upanishad*, from 1 to 12 November. Beginning with the famous question, 'What is that knowing which everything becomes known?', Swami Chidananda examined the necessity of transformation from the sense of limitation to the realization of the infinitude.

Prof. P. Krishna, from the Krishnamurti Study Centre, Varanasi, conducted a course on the 'Urgency of Transformation' from 15 to 26 November.

He showed that the state of our society could be changed only through a fundamental transformation of our consciousness. The course also examined how human consciousness can come upon wisdom.

Prof. R. C. Tampi, Director of the School of the Wisdom, conducted a course on 'Transformation in the Writings of Sri Ram', from 29 November to 10 December. The lucid expositions of the themes like transformation, wisdom, and consciousness in Sri Ram's writings were studied in detail. The participants shared their insights from the passages of Sri Ram in his *Thoughts for Aspirants* when they reflected and meditated on them in the afternoon sessions. Participants from about ten countries attended the courses.

Prof. R. C. Tampi
Director

ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM

(No report)

OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

Olcott Memorial High School: The school provides free education and has around 520 students. Each student was provided with free textbooks, stationery, notebooks, two sets of uniforms, breakfast and noon meal. Health check-ups were done and workshops on personal hygiene, etc. were organized. Special talks on Theosophical tenets were given by Mr

Harihara Raghavan. The 10th Standard (SSLC) Board result this year has been an all time high of 95%. Another all time first was the individual performance of Master Naveen Kumar who scored 477/500 (95.4%) and was awarded a laptop by the Tamil Nadu Government.

In sports, the OMHS Hand Ball Seniors team won at the zonal level, and

were runners up at the district level. Educational trips were conducted. Among other extra-curricular activities being provided for the students, photography was introduced and an exhibition of photographs taken by the photography group was held at the Adyar Library.

Social Welfare Centre: This year the centre took care of 88 children who were provided with nutritious food, milk and fruits. The children were taught colouring, numbers, alphabets, rhymes, songs and dance. They were also taken for visits to parks and zoos. Dr R. Revathy conducted regular health check-ups and also provided guidance to parents on health care for the children.

Vocational Training Centre: Twelve women students were taught weaving and tailoring. The course covered designing, preparing patterns, layout and estimate of the cloth requirement, cutting of fabrics for children's and ladies' dresses and 40 kinds of embroidery stitches. Certificates were given to the successful candidates. The Centre prepared towels, napkins, jute carpets, cotton carpets, meditation mats, a variety of ladies handbags, travelling bags, and purses.

HPB Hostel: This year the Hostel accommodated twenty boys from different schools, including ten boys from Olcott Memorial High School. Two boys obtained first ranks in their respective schools in 10th Standard (SSLC) Board examination. The boys follow a daily routine that includes morning and evening prayers, meditation and completion of school homework. Nutritious food is provided. Periodical medical check-ups are done. During the holidays, plastic removal campaign was undertaken inside the campus to create awareness of a pollution free environment.

Animal Welfare Centre: During the year, 9,302 animals were treated for various diseases, infections, and different types of fractures. Animals were fed three times a day. In the outreach programme, 100 cows were treated within the city. In the animal birth control programme, 79 dogs and 20 cats were treated. 814 animals were vaccinated. The Centre was able to distribute several abandoned animals. It also trained animal handlers.

Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy
Secretary, Olcott Education Society

THE BESANT SCOUT CAMPING CENTRE

Seven institutions and scout groups, with around 800 participants, used the Besant Scout Camping Centre for their camping activities during the year. A new place for campfire activities has been added to campsite infrastructure.

The need for protection of Nature is always understood by the camping children.

Mr A. Victor Frank
For the Besant Scouting Centre

THE THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

The Theosophical Order of Service has had a productive year characterized by increasing communication and cooperation amongst TOS groups around the world. Members in New Zealand have set up a modest endowment fund, called the Geoffrey Hodson Memorial Scholarship Fund, the interest from which pays for the education of a child at the Golden Link College in the Philippines.

The TOS in Australia raises funds to pay for four 'literacy home-schools' for children and young women, run by the TOS in Karachi, Pakistan. The TOS in New Zealand funds two further home-schools. The TOS groups in the UK and Italy continue to knit hundreds of teddy bears as part of the 'Teddies for Tragedy' project.

The TOS in America, aided by the TOS in New Zealand, France, Australia and Canada, has again managed to reach its target for the matching grant programme initiated in 2008 by the Kern Foundation in support of the Golden Link College. The TOS in Australia and New Zealand have helped supply books for the library at the Golden Link College.

The eye-check programme facilitated by Dr Sunita and Mr C. V. K. Maithreya of the TOS, Chennai, in collaboration with Udhi Hospitals has picked up pace considerably this year. Over ten thousand needy school children and adult slum dwellers have been screened since the project started in September 2007. Glasses and cataract operations have been

provided to those in need at no cost.

The TOS in Italy, Australia and England have sent donations this year to the TOS in Tanzania for the travel expenses of the babies flown by the Lions Club to India for heart surgery. The TOS maintains a policy of channelling donations directly to its projects and not deducting a penny for administrative overheads.

A nine-member committee has been formed to encourage TOS members in their support of United Nations projects at local, national and international levels. The TOS in the Philippines has kindly published for distribution by the international TOS a booklet by Nelda Samarel entitled *Helping the Dying*. A short document revised by Ananya Rajan of the USA containing guidelines and essential background information for the starting of new groups has been posted on the website this year.

The TOS's regularly updated website and its two-monthly electronic newsletter, *TOS in-touch.online*, edited by Carolyn and Geoff Harrod and the International Secretary, continue to prove invaluable tools in reaching Theosophists around the world.

Mr Bhattacharyya makes mention of the especially fine work this year of the Mayfair, Chennai, Rajasthan and Karnataka TOS groups. Communication with TOS groups in East Africa continues to improve: members in Zambia, Kenya and Tanzania are now sharing news

regularly of their service work.

Another high point of the year was the opening in June of a theosophically oriented school in a poor farming district of Bago City in Central Philippines. This year, the TOS in Chennai facilitated the installation of a reverse osmosis water purification unit on the TS estate at Adyar, since ground water relied upon till then had become less suitable for drinking. The TOS in Canada is faithful and enthusiastic in its support for the

Besant Animal Welfare Dispensary in Adyar.

The TOS supported the TS in America in its kind offer to channel donations to help the TS in Chile repair its building in Santiago after last February's earthquake. Support flowed in from Canada, England, Finland, France, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore and Bombay as well.

Diana Dunningham Chapotin
International Secretary, TOS

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NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS

AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

Twenty-six delegates from the Section attended the World Congress held in Rome. Nairobi Lodge issued three four-monthly programmes, whilst Dar-es-Salaam Lodge issued four quarterly programmes. Nairobi Lodge newsletter has incorporated the Section Magazine (*Theosophical Light*). The Pan-African Theosophical Federation Newsletter and two combined Newsletters were issued in 2010. The Lodge held regular meetings and remains a model for other Lodges as far as general administration work is concerned.

Nairobi Lodge programmes are conducted in English and Gujarati. Public talks were conducted on 'Religion and Politics', 'Collapse of Civilization', 'World in Crisis', 'The Practice of Zen Buddhism', among others. Books studied included *Theosophy Explained in Questions and Answers* by P. Pavri, and *At the Feet of the Master* by Alcyone.

Other activities included a Question

and Answer session, three interactive sessions, readings from *The Theosophist*, and a Devotional Songs session. The Lodge estate is well maintained. The Section Bookstall has a rich collection of titles for sale to members and sympathizers.

In Kitwe Lodge, Zambia, there has been an increase in the numbers of sympathizers, which include both young and middle aged ones. Average attendance has risen from eight to twelve with a few promising new admissions. Mufulira Lodge has also seen a revival of the old members, with an attendance of about six at the weekly meetings. The Lodge held a public-speaking contest for the schools in the district which was well attended and well represented by officials from the Municipality and the Education Board. The Section membership is 211.

Mr Navin B. Shah
General Secretary

AFRICA, SOUTH

Regular public meetings, study groups and other activities are being carried on. A successful National Convention was held at Durban Lodge during April 2010

with the theme 'The Ocean of Theosophy'. The Convention was well attended by members and delegates from Lodges around the country.

The Germiston Lodge is constructing a new building. Ongoing regular meetings are held at the Lodge supplemented with an intensive course on basic Theosophy by a national lecturer.

Cape Town, Johannesburg and Pretoria

Lodges continue with their regular lecture programmes. The members have been actively working for the TOS.

Mr Tom Davis
General Secretary

AFRICA, WEST

The Section comprises Lodges in Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon and Liberia. Due to economic challenges, there was only one new enrolment. However, the work of the eleven Lodges and six study centres shows consistency and right mindfulness. 17 November 2010 marks the 75th Anniversary of the TS in Ghana and West Africa. A special Anniversary Committee was formed to plan for the anniversary celebrations. The historical impact of the late Kwao Brakatu Ateko, father of the TS in Ghana and West Africa, will also be highlighted. In March, a two-

day School of Wisdom was held at the Headquarters at Accra. The theme was 'Spiritualization of our Lives' and was directed by Brother Isaac K. Zaney. The School was attended by sixteen Theosophists and one guest. Three members attended the 10th World Congress in Rome. Copies of the Theosophical magazine from Adyar were distributed to public Libraries, Universities, Parliament and other higher institutions of Learning.

Mr Paul B. Kwakyi
General Secretary

ARGENTINA AND PARAGUAY

The Section has 321 members with almost one fourth of them being under forty years of age. A new study group was started in September 2010 in San Juan called 'Samādhi'. There are fifteen Lodges wherein regular meetings and public lectures are conducted. Lodge 'Fraternidad' from Asuncion, Paraguay, has an administrative connection with the Argentinian Section and carried out weekly meetings. Regular meetings were held in the Centre at San Rafael. A Youth Camp was held in January 2010 where

fourteen young people participated. They studied and participated in yoga classes, and walking meditation. The programme 'Living Theosophy XII' was also conducted and twenty-three people from Argentina and Chile took part. The theme was 'An Approach to the *Bhagavadgītā*'. There was a Summer School from 30 January to 6 February on 'The Essential Work of the Theosophical Society'. The fifth retreat of the TOS was held in February with nine participants and had as its theme 'Spirituality: Service in

Action'. A Winter School was held in July on 'Theosophy: Exoteric and Esoteric'. *The Theosophist* continues to be translated into Spanish. The national magazine *Teosofia en Argentina* continues

to be published regularly. Six members participated in the World Congress in Italy this year.

Ms Silvia Pastore
General Secretary

AUSTRALIA

The National President visited and gave talks in several Centres and Lodges. The National Council met twice during the year. The Education Unit has been engaged in two main activities this year: research for the Third Object Project, gathering material on the milestones in science and psychic research from 1875 to the present; and the preparation of course material for the use of Lodges and groups in the Section. Study Paper 15 of *A Principle in Nature* by Alfred Taylor, with an essay *On Laws and Principles in Nature*, written by the Education Unit. The main development on the website is a new link to the growing Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) and the inclusion of a number of new texts online. Jennifer Hissey, at the National Headquarters, and Pamela Lloyd, at Melbourne Lodge, continue to work steadily for the Online Public Access Catalogue. To date, close to six thousand resources have been listed in the catalogue. It is presently accessible from the Section's website. *Theosophy in Australia* is now regularly placed on the website, with each issue uploaded around one month following each mail-out. The Library acquired a number of books, mainly in the areas of

biography, history, parapsychology and science. New acquisitions are now regularly listed in *Theosophy in Australia*. A Campbell Library newsletter was produced by the Education Coordinator and sent to various libraries. Routine work in the Library and in the Archives is progressing. During the year it was of assistance to researchers looking into a number of subjects.

Noel Bertelle and Brian Parry were Supporting Lecturers in 2010 delivering a number of excellent talks. As on 31 August 2010, there were 1,200 members in the Section, including 144 National Members. The 2010 National Convention was held in Launceston in January, on the theme 'Divine Wisdom in Art, Science and Philosophy'. The guest speaker was the art historian and curator Dr Jenny McFarlane. For the Parliament of the World's Religions, held in Melbourne in December, the TS information booth was set up with the help of the Education Coordinator. Free information about Theosophy in the form of leaflets and a number of books was provided. Work in all the Lodges and Centres continued steadily during the year under review. Mr Colin Price and Dr Edi Bilimoria visited many of the Lodges and gave talks on

several topics. Perth Branch hosted a special weekend in October on *The Secret Doctrine* led by Simon O'Rourke from Blavatsky Lodge. It also ran seven retreats and events at its Mt Helena centre. Adelaide Lodge holds meetings several days per week and also supports a long-

standing Theosophy-Science group. The Blavatsky Lodge in New South Wales holds regular meditation meetings among other activities.

Dr Dara Tatray
General Secretary

BELGIUM

There are ninety-seven members in eight Lodges in this Section. In Brussels weekly study classes are held on Introduction to Theosophy and *The Secret Doctrine*, separately in French and Dutch. There are three public lectures every month. These activities are now being conducted in the new Headquarters building. Two of the French branches are in difficulties but the new Lodge, 'Promethee', is having meetings on a regular basis. The Flemish branches in

Gent and Antwerp are having regular meetings on Theosophical subjects and conduct about two public lectures every month. The Section's website (<http://sites.google.com/site/theosophists>) is trilingual. Four branches have their own websites and also publish periodicals with the programme of activities in Antwerp.

Mr Jan Jelle Keppler
General Secretary

BRAZIL

At the end of the period under review the total membership is 707, showing a decrease of thirty-eight members. 1,500 copies of the quarterly magazine *TheoSophia* had been published regularly. The 29th Summer School, 27-31 January 2010, was held in Paraná, on the theme 'The Secret of Self-realization', based on the book of the same title by I. K. Taimni, and attended by 156 members. The 16th International Theosophical School was held from 28 June to 4 July 2010 at the Brasilia Theosophical Institute on the theme 'Theosophy and the Transformation of Society' with Prof. P. Krishna as guest

speaker, with an attendance of fifty-five people.

In Brasilia public talks were presented every Saturday in addition to classes of the Introductory Course of Theosophical Knowledge, covering basic themes. Workshops, study classes and other meetings with specific subjects were held as well. The three Lodges from Brasília had their meetings every week. Past issues of the magazine *TheoSophia* are being included in the Section's website which is being re-developed. Every new event is announced to members, Lodges and Groups through direct mailing. Two

books were published in Portuguese during the year: *The Secret of Self-Realization* by I. K. Taimni and *Self-Knowledge* by Marcos Resende. The *Sophia* magazine continues to be published on a quarterly basis and it is

being distributed and sold throughout the country in newsstands and through our website.

Mr Marcos Luis Borges de Resende
General Secretary

CUBA

Theosophical work in Cuba, including study courses, continued with enthusiasm. The annual Convention had as its theme 'The Law of the Unity of All Existence and the Present Theosophical Society'. The sixty-year old building which houses the Section, which had deteriorated in some parts, was rebuilt with physical and economic support from members. The Havana Lodge continued the study of several texts, including *Buddhist*

Meditation, The Science of Yoga, The Mahatma Letters and *At the Feet of the Master*. A basic course in Theosophy is held every Saturday as well as a public session on Sundays with video screenings of Krishnamurti's talks. Some members attended the World Congress in Italy. Cuba is one of the biggest Sections in South America.

Mr Gaspar Torres
General Secretary

ENGLAND

Membership is up on last year, and some new members have joined so as to qualify for the new 'Diploma in Theosophy'. Two 'Open Days' were held at Tekels Park on the 12 and 13 June. This was an opportunity to reminisce with friends, to enjoy the beautiful Park, and to celebrate eighty years of theosophical activity, ceremony, and worship.

In the spring of 2010 the first edition of the new quarterly magazine *Esoterica* was published by the Foundation for Theosophical Studies. The second edition was published in August. This is distributed far beyond the TS membership and is free. It replaces the *Insight* magazine

which was an English Section publication. The Section pays for space to advertise and pays for copies to be posted to all of its members. Good progress has been made throughout this year on the proposed 'Diploma in Theosophy' – a distance learning course covering basic Theosophical principles.

This year's Summer School was held at Liverpool University. Our guest speaker was Professor David Roef of the University of Maastricht in the Netherlands. Professor Roef's subject for the Blavatsky Lecture was 'The Heavenly Twin'. He also gave an excellent lecture at Merseyside Lodge entitled 'The

Fullness of the Void'. Several well attended weekend events took place across the Section including a 'Secret Doctrine' weekend, a Southern Federation conference, and a North Western Federation weekend – all at Tekels Park.

The London Headquarters organized some lectures and a wide range of regular weekly study and discussion groups, including a group studying and discussing *Isis Unveiled*. The Section has gained a

new Lodge – 'Dhyana Centre of the Theosophical Society'. It has already enrolled over fifty new members to the Section. Lodge activity across the Section has been healthy, with widespread use of study material and lectures covering a great deal of mainstream Theosophy as well as more diverse spiritual subjects.

Mr Eric McGough
General Secretary

FINLAND

The Section held public lectures in seventeen towns and regular Lodge meetings in twenty-two towns. The membership is now 449. There are 25 Lodges and two Study Groups, including two Lodges in Estonia. Unitas Lodge celebrated its 40 year anniversary. Ms Mary Anderson was the chief guest at the Summer School which had an attendance of seventy-five. Two programmes were held at Kreivilä during the summer on the theme 'Change Your Thoughts – You Change Your Life'. The General Secretary of the Swedish Section visited Finland twice, giving lectures in Helsinki and at the Summer School. The exhibition on 'The Theosophical Society in Finland over 100 years' continued its tour in two public libraries in the west coast cities

of Pori and Vaasa. The TS was also represented in fairs in Helsinki, Tallinn and Oulu. Every new member receives HPB's *The Key to Theosophy* and Damodar's book *A Disciple of a Master*. Seventeen Finnish members attended the World Congress in Rome. Miss Marja Artamaa was re-elected as General Secretary for a second term in May. The following books were published in Finnish: *Buddhist Meditation* and *Challenges of Humanity* by Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche, *Dharma* by Annie Besant and *Living Meditatively* by Ingrid Nyborg-Fjellander. *Teosofi* magazine appears six times a year and has 426 subscribers.

Ms Marja Artamaa
General Secretary

FRANCE

The year was eventful with attendance at the 10th World Congress and the celebration of the 111th anniversary of French Section. Lodge work has been

regularly maintained. Courses are offered to members and public three Saturdays a month. At the Paris Headquarters, three speakers made presentations on

Theosophy. There seemed to be a revival of interest with greater attendance than in previous years. Public lectures are held twice a month in Paris, Marseille and Reims. Seminars are also regularly organized. Two series of seminars have been conducted by historian Mrs Marie-José Delalande to clarify the case of René Guénon. This year's Convention was combined with the 111th anniversary celebration with the theme 'Tradition and Revolution: Memory in Service of Renewal'. The General Secretary released two new brochures – *Le Mouvement*

Théosophique de France (1876-1921) by Mrs Marie-José Delalande and *Le Message de la Société Théosophique à travers ses Présidents (1875-1979)* by Mrs Danielle Audoin, which were published by Editions Adyar. During a symposium, many speakers developed a variety of subjects linked to the main theme. The public lecture was delivered by guest speaker Mrs Betty Bland on 'Truth'.

Miss Trân-Thi-Kim-Diêu
General Secretary

GERMANY

The membership is 111 although eight members left the Section. A new Lodge was formed in Regensburg. The books and topics studied during the year include *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Voice of the Silence*, the *Bhagavadgītā* and Persian lyricism, among many others. The website was re-designed. The northern and the southern meetings in spring and autumn were well attended. The Summer School in July 2010 had Miss Mary Anderson as guest of honour. The theme was 'Universal Brotherhood: The Road to Awareness'

and there were thirty-six participants who seemed to have enjoyed the programme. There was an opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences; and the question and answer sessions were appreciated by those present. As a new experience small groups drew pictures in meditative conditions. Participants found this a good idea for daily life in order to calm down.

Mrs Manuela Kaulich
General Secretary

GREECE

Mr Theodoros Katsifis was re-elected as General Secretary. During the year Mr Ricardo Lindemann gave an inspired lecture at the Ypatia Lodge. There were a number of gatherings during the year. A new study group, named Procris, was founded on the island of Cephalonia.

The *Kabeiros* Lodge in the city of Alexandroupolis and the study group *Minos* in the island of Crete have considerably increased their membership and are working well. Forty-three new members increased the total membership of the Section to 217. The magazine *Ilisos*

is being printed on a quarterly basis and has 600 subscribers. During 2010 the following books have been reprinted in Greek: a second edition of *Yoga and Occultism*, a third edition of *Practical*

Occultism and a fifth edition of *The Voice of Silence*, all by HPB.

Mr Theodoros Katsifis
General Secretary

ICELAND

This year there were fifty-one talks on Fridays and on Saturdays. Attendance was usually from forty to sixty persons. After each lecture there were questions and answers sessions. In February, Mr Halldór Haraldsson was invited by the University of Iceland to give a lecture on the history, teachings and activities of the TS. The journal *Gangleri* has been published bi-annually since 1926, each issue consisting of ninety-six pages. It is sold to many more people than the number of TS members. On the front cover of each issue is a painting by Nicolas Roerich, published with special permission from the Roerich Galleries. There is a great selection of books for sale. Translations of books are

being made and the Section publishing house brings them out. The Newsletter *Mundilfari* is published three times a year. The website of the TS in Iceland (www.gudspekifelagid.is) has been in existence for some years now, both in Icelandic and in English. It is frequently visited by people seeking information and we have often had applications for membership through this page. The Summer School was held from 1 to 4 July. There are now seven active Lodges in Reykjavik and two outside the capital.

Ms Anna Valdimarsdóttir
General Secretary

INDIA

The 119th Indian Section Convention was held at Adyar on 28 December 2009. Short talks on 'Theosophy is the Science and Art of Living' were held on 29 December with different speakers participating. From 26 to 31 December a retreat-seminar was held at the Section Headquarters in Varanasi on the *Pratyabhijñā Hrdayam of Kshemarāja* (The Heart of Recognition), directed by Dr Bettina Baumer, TS member and scholar of Kashmir Śaivism. The

response was so positive that the wish to continue such a text study combined with retreat was expressed by the participants.

A Conference on 'Peace and Conflict' was organized on 5-7 March, and was inaugurated by the International President, Dr Radha Burnier. In all, 97 delegates from eleven Federations attended the event. Kashi Tattva Sabha, the Theosophical Lodge at Section Headquarters, organized twenty public lectures. The 87th South Indian Theosophical Conference was held

in Adyar on 2-4 April on the theme 'The First Step on the Path'. More than 170 delegates registered for this event.

A study camp was held at the Section Headquarters from 2-6 October 2009 on the book *Seeking Wisdom* by N. Sri Ram, with a registration of about 145 members from different parts of the country. The annual Study Camp at Bhowali, conducted by Prof. C. A. Shinde, was held from 17 May to 4 June on the theme 'Words of Wisdom' (*At the Feet of the Master* and allied studies), with twenty-seven participants.

The International President and Vice-President visited Varanasi, Rayalaseema, Gujarat, Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar, Kolkata and other places holding meetings and giving talks during the Annual Conferences of the Federations. The East Zone Conference of TOS was held in Bhubaneswar in February. Mrs Linda Oliveira, International Vice-President, was the chief guest. More than 120 delegates from four Federations attended the conference. The West Zone

TOS Conference was held at Nagpur on 24-25 July. The theme was 'Self-development and Social Service' with 91 delegates present.

The Section has some large problems concerning property; one of them is that the city of Varanasi proposes to take part of the peripheral area of the compound to widen their road. The authorities have finally been prevailed upon to compensate for the specific land, buildings, compound wall of the area involved.

The Section's monthly journal had an average circulation of 3,400 copies during the year under review. The Centenary year of the publication of *At the Feet of the Master* being 2010 a special number of the journal was released in June 2010. A small booklet on 'Why Theosophy' was published during the year for wide distribution. The membership of the Section is now 12,597. Eighty-two members passed to peace.

Mr S. Sundaram
General Secretary

INDONESIA

(No report)

ITALY

The main activity of the Section during the year was the organization of the 10th World Congress of the Theosophical Society which took place in Rome, from 10 to 15 July 2010, on the theme 'Universal Brotherhood without any

distinctions: a road to awareness'. 524 members came from thirty-nine countries.

The General Secretary was re-elected for another term of three years with about 98% of the votes. The overall financial situation of the Italian Section is good and

a legacy from our member Annunziata Anichini Capecchi has made it possible to open a Centre in Florence. The activities of the publishing house Edizioni Teosofiche Italiane in disseminating theosophical literature achieved positive results thanks to Patrizia Calvi's and Enrico Sempì's commitment, Gigi Marsi's support, Fabrizio Ferretti's and Pier Giorgio Parola's translation work. Book sales increased 17% during the year under review. Several books have been printed, including *The Chakras* by C. W. Leadbeater; *Adyar – Historical Notes and Distinguishing Aspects up to 1934*; *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*; and *The*

Secret Doctrine (8 volumes) by H. P. Blavatsky. The monthly magazine *Rivista Italiana di Teosofia* has been regularly published.

In September 2009 a seminar was organized on the theme 'Key to Theosophy', with about sixty people in attendance. The Section did a great deal in the area of humanitarian service, including significant donations to support the Olcott Memorial High School at Adyar. There are 1,082 members at present and the Section remains the largest in Europe.

Mr Antonio Girardi
General Secretary

MEXICO

The Section organized ten courses at the National Headquarters, with very good participation. The General Secretary organized different courses around the country with several speakers. Mrs Lissette Arroyo and Mrs Isis Resende, from Brazil, travelled around the Section and gave lectures and courses to members and to the general public. The Mexican School of the Wisdom was held in

Tepoztlan, Morelos, on the theme 'The Call of Time', and was directed by the General Secretary. The Section has now a 'Contact Office' where inquirers can write and ask for information about the TS and how to become a member. The TOS started its work in Mexico during the year under review.

Mrs Lissette Arroyo
General Secretary

THE NETHERLANDS

There are ten Lodges and nine Study Centres in the Section, with a total membership of 400. There is a close cooperation between the Section and the International Theosophical Centre in Naarden. The magazine *TheoSofia* is published quarterly and is also available

online. The publishing house, bookshop and library are open at regular times and available to the public. In November 2009 several speakers participated on the event of the publication of the new Dutch edition of *Man Visible and Invisible*. In March 2010 Dr Arie Bos,

professor of Philosophy of Science, spoke on 'Evolution: Accidental or Purposeful; Brains and Consciousness, What is the Causation?' Dr Hans Gerding, Professor of Metaphysics, spoke on 'Mind over Matter over Mind: Mundane and Spiritual Aspects'. On 17 April was the starting point for the 2011 seminar at the ITC and also for the publication of the new edition of *Yoga Sutras of Patanjali*, as well as the Dutch translation of *The Science of Yoga*.

The library collection now stands at 21,000 books. The two national monthly study groups in Amsterdam are continuing work with *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Mahatma Letters*. The Theosophical Landscapes group meets twice a year. Lodges and Centres have been active.

Mrs Els Rijneker
General Secretary

NEW ZEALAND

The National Convention was held at Napier on the theme 'After 2012, What Next?' The main presenters were Gordon and Margot Herbert from Australia. An increased number of participants attended The School of Theosophy held at the Tauhara Centre, during which Prof. Ravi Ravindra presented a series of lectures on 'Science and Spirituality'. A number of members have passed away, including Mr Conrad Jamieson who lived at Adyar for a number of years. The National Office has continued to provide programme facilitators and presenters to Branches

around the country, but on a restricted basis due to the unavailability of suitable presenters. New study material has been sought and bought for Branches to use within their study groups. National and international plaudits continue to flow in for the new look of the magazine *TheoSophia*. The Internet forum for New Zealand members established last year has now about 130 members.

Mr Warwick Keys
General Secretary

THE PHILIPPINES

Lumen School of Bacolod opened last May with its first free Summer Class in Bago City. It had an enrolment of 92 which included high school students. It is intended to become a college. The training of the teachers and the supervision of its academic programme is done by Golden Link College.

The Satsang Study Group of Cebu and the Bohol Lodge conducted four successful meetings in which the National President participated through the Internet. The Visayas Federation Conference was held at Davao City last April. The theme was 'Under-standing Spirituality and Stewardship of our Natural World'. The

Luzon Federation Conference was held inside the campus of the University of the Philippines in Los Baños in May. It was the largest Luzon Federation gathering since its founding. The theme was 'Karma and Human Destiny'. The TS organized a series of seminars and lectures in Leyte under the initiative of Arnold Lumangtad and Virgie Suralta. As a result two new study groups were formed in that area.

The Section is partnering with the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace Process (OPAPP) to conduct the Self-Transformation seminars for the faculty of four public schools in Guinobatan and Ligao, in Albay province. A three-day Self-Transformation seminar was conducted by Mr Vic Hao Chin, Jr. for the faculty and administration staff of Mercedarian School. Two similar

seminars, one for the public at the TS Headquarters, and the other for Xavier University's Searsolin, a training institution for Asian NGOs, governments and religious institutions.

The Section has released fifteen new booklets which are available at the Theosophical Bookshop. TPH Manila is now expanding the *Theosophical Encyclopedia*, called *Theosopedia*, published in 2006, and has begun to upload the entire Encyclopedia on the Internet. The Section joined the recently held international Book Fair at SMX Exhibit Center, in Manilla. Four youth camps were held this year.

Mr Vicente Hao Chin, Jr
General Secretary

PORTUGAL

The work went on in a regular way. There are now 193 members in the Section. Various public sessions were organised, mainly at the Headquarters in Lisbon. The speakers were TS members and the themes were 'The Theosophical Society and its Objects'; 'Consciousness'; 'Self-knowledge in the Light of Theosophy and in the Light of

J. Krishnamurti's Teachings', among others. A weekend seminar on 'The Place of Beauty in Life' was held in May. Miss Trâm-Thi-Kim-Diêu travelled to Évora where she delivered a public talk on 'Tradition and Revolution'.

Mr Carlos Guerra
General Secretary

SPAIN

The General Secretary was re-elected. A retreat was held on 5-8 December 2009 on the theme 'Meditation with HPB's Diagramme: Tradition and Revolution', led by Miss Trâm-Thi-Kim-Diêu, with an

attendance of fifty-seven people. The Iberian Days were held in San Lorenzo del Escorial, 1-4 April 2010, on the theme 'Consciousness and Practical Theosophy'. The Summer School was

held on 22-28 August 2010 in Platja d'Aro with Mr Martin Leiderman, from the United States, as guest speaker. The theme was 'The Awakening of the Cosmos: A Vision of the Path of the Human Soul according to the Seven Stanzas of Dzyan in *The Secret Doctrine*'.

Two books were published during the year under review: *Bhagavadgitā* and *The Early Teachings of the Masters* by C. Jinarājadāsa.

Ms Clarisa Elósegu
General Secretary

SWEDEN

Membership stands at 153. Mr Curt Berg, who was a strong pillar for many years, passed away during the year. The magazine *Tidlös Visdom* is published quarterly, and some portions of it can be accessed on the Internet. In Autumn 2009 there were study groups on various Theosophical themes, including I. K. Taimni's *Self-Culture* in Göteborg, *Patanjali's Yoga-Sutras* and *The Secret Doctrine* in Stockholm, and also on Meditation and Dialogue. Public lectures

were held twice a month. In Spring 2010 the study groups continued their work. There were also workshops on 'Self-knowledge and Discipleship'. Public lectures were held in Stockholm on religion, science and other Theosophical subjects. This year there was no Summer School as some members attended the World Congress.

Mr Pertti Spets
General Secretary

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

There was intense activity this year despite a smaller number of staff. A number of repairs and facility upgrades were made possible through the Capital Fund Campaign. In March, David Bruce was appointed the new National Secretary, but will also be responsible for the educational work. DVDs such as 'The Objects of the Theosophical Society' by Radha Burnier and Dora Kunz are regularly sent to all Lodges and Study Centres. Several new books and articles from Theosophical journals were added to the Online Books section of the

Section's webpage. The National Lodge concluded a twelve-month study of Ernest Wood's *Taking Charge of Your Life*. The prison programme continued to expand and more inmates are asking to enrol in our courses. Due to growing demand, the number of mentors was increased to seventeen and there are now over fifty prisoners taking Theosophical courses. Many of the prisoners have since become members of the Society.

The number of online applications for the Member Services Department has steadily increased, and approximately fifty

percent of all recent applications were done online. Membership as of 31 March was 3,104. Membership in the Theosophical Community now stands at 1,034. Collaboration was instituted with other Theosophical websites. The Audio-Visual Department now has a total of 183 lectures comprising 135 titles converted into audio MP3s and available for download. Both the MP3 download page and the Media Library page can be accessed under the *Resources* tab of the TSA homepage. Thirty-nine new audio CD titles and twenty-two new video DVD titles were produced this year and can be purchased at www.questbooks.net.

Live webcasts of several programmes were transmitted via the Internet. Of special interest is the new 36-minute video update of *The Mahatmas and Their Letters* by Steve Schweizer. An off-site symposium of programmes collectively titled *Hearing Each Other, Healing the Earth* was recorded. There are thirty-eight new audio titles and twenty-two new video

titles. The e-newsletter has grown to over 4,200 subscribers. The Henry S. Olcott Memorial Library's local circulation has doubled. Programmes and classes produced this year included 'Past Is Prologue: The Theosophical Society in the 21st Century' and 'Experiments in Telepathy'. Some community building activities involved outreach to nursing home facilities and homeless shelters. The Theosophical Publishing House has Nicole Krier as the new manager. It has experienced a positive turnaround with net sales going up and an increase in wholesale orders by 11.5%. New titles from Quest Books include *The Masters Speak* by Seymour B. Ginsburg and *Reflections on an Ageless Wisdom* by Joy Mills. Books are also published in several other languages. The tree replacement programme continued with twenty more trees being planted.

Mrs Betty Bland
General Secretary

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

AMERICA, CENTRAL

At present there are two Lodges and one Study Centre, with a total of thirty-three active members. The Lodges held a basic course in Theosophy and conducted a study of *At the Feet of the Master*. A film series forum was also organized, with forty children and youth of the indigenous people of Litelpanec participating. The Lodge Teotl in El Salvador celebrated the

centenary of its foundation. Lectures were held on such topics as 'Total Freedom' and 'Reincarnation'. The new Organizing Secretary is Mrs. Ligia Josefina Gutierrez Simpsom.

Aura Elena de Matínez
Organising Secretary

AUSTRIA

(No report)

CANADA

(No report)

CHILE

On 27 February 2010 a strong earthquake occurred in the country and damaged the TS building. Members subsequently contributed towards the rebuilding of the Lodge. The Annual Convention was held on 8 August 2010 on the theme 'Unity of Life – Path to Liberation'. Mr Maximiliano Aguillera was elected Organizing Secretary. Electronic publications were well received and public talks have continued. The three existing Branches in Santiago – Love,

Arundhati and Santiago – have worked during this period. In October, Love Lodge organized a conference on 'Life and Death'. In November, the Santiago Lodge held a lecture on 'Awakening Consciousness'. There are thirty-six members, with four new admissions. The summer schedule was based on the book *Self-Culture* by I. K. Taimni. Public lectures were also held. Every month Meditations for the Nations were held, with good participation by the members.

The Department of Education offered Theosophy courses open to the public and workshops for members. The translation team translated a number of articles from Theosophical journals. An important contribution was the translation to Spanish of the book *The Divine Plan* by Geoffrey Barborka. Other translations included

Teachings on Discipleship by Mr S. S. Varma, *Mount Everest* by G. S. Arundale and *The Story of the Mahatma Letters* by C. Jinarājādāsa.

Mr Maximiliano Aguilera
Organizing Secretary

COLOMBIA

Courses and workshops were organized on subjects like 'The Basis of Theosophy', 'How to Study the Secret Doctrine', and other topics related to Health, Vegetarianism, Raja Yoga and Meditation. The Lodges have held weekly meetings and studied *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Key to Theosophy*, books by Dr Taimni, and *The Voice of the Silence*. A number of lectures were presented as well

as films having Theosophical themes. The magazine *Selección Teosófica* is published bimonthly and sent to all Spanish-speaking countries. The General Secretary of the Cuban Section visited Colombia and presented courses and conferences in Bogotá.

Julia Ballesteros de Martinez
Organizing Secretary

IRELAND

Belfast Lodge held regular weekly meetings for talks, questions and answers, meditation and study sessions. Some of the texts studied were *The Secret Gateway* by Edward Abill, *The Hidden Side of Lodge Meetings* by CWL, excerpts from *Theosophy as the Masters See It* by Clara Codd and excerpts from other Theosophical texts. Phoenix Lodge held monthly meetings and it is reported that the atmosphere at these meetings is conducive to meditation and the study of the Theosophical texts such as Clara Codd's mentioned above. The Coleraine Study Group met regularly throughout the year.

The Study Group numbers are growing.

Many members throughout Ireland met in Dublin at the end of May on the occasion of the Fifth All Ireland Convention. The talk by Mary Anderson on *Theosophy is Everything but not Everything is Theosophy* was inspiring and much appreciated by all participants. All the Irish members receive regular Study Letters and an accompanying letter, with local and worldwide TS news, from the Organizing Secretary.

Ms Marie Harkness
Organizing Secretary

IVORY COAST

Attendance at meetings has been more regular than before. The weekly meetings were held on Sunday mornings. The majority of the members and supporters are young. Books studied were *The Key to Theosophy* and *The Etheric Double*. Most of the discussions have been on the topic 'The Inner Peace — Condition for True Outer Peace'. In addition monthly conferences were held on Theosophical

themes such as the Concept of God, Life, Death, Karma, Reincarnation, Evolution and Self-Realization. This has contributed greatly to facilitate the approach and understanding of Theosophy with every-one, especially young members. The number of members remains at twenty-nine.

Mr Pierre Magloire Kouahoh
Organizing Secretary

NORWAY

We do not have sufficient members to form a Section, but two Lodges have been holding meetings, and it is to be hoped that in the future new members will join and a Section re-established like it used to be. Members receive a monthly Newsletter with notes from 'On the Watch Tower' in Norwegian, together with notes of Theosophical summer schools and seminars in Europe and the School of the Wisdom at the international Headquarters. There have been monthly meetings in the Lodges Vesta and Bergen, although most

members are scattered and not Lodge members. There was one new admission. Work has been going on with the new translation of *Light on the Path*, and part of the work was done at the international Headquarters in Adyar. The Organizing Secretary was the Norwegian Delegate to this year's International Convention at Adyar and to the 10th World Congress.

Mrs Agnes Gåsemeyr
Organizing Secretary

SCOTLAND

Over the year, the Glasgow Lodge completed the course on 'Introduction to Theosophy' of the English Section. Several members attended and some have now progressed to the online diploma course offered by that Section. The building of the Edinburgh Lodge has been renovated. One of the Scottish members has prepared a DVD on 'The Inner Journey'. One of the renovated rooms is

being converted for the use of meetings of members and study groups. A study of *The Snake and the Rope* by Edi Bilimoria was also undertaken. Dundee Lodge has completed a study course entitled 'Life After Life' and three of the members have proceeded to the online diploma course.

Mr Gary Kidgell
Organizing Secretary

SLOVENIA

The Lodges had regular weekly meetings, and lectures were held in Ljubljana, Celje and Maribor. Books studied included HPB's *Practical Occultism*, Annie Besant's *The Wisdom of the Upanishads*, Krishnamurti's *At the Feet of the Master* and Radha Burnier's articles 'On the Watch-Tower'. A mini school on 'The Buddha's Noble Eightfold Path' was organized by Understanding Lodge. Members of all Lodges attended. The Winter School in Sonèek was dedicated to Adyar Day with the motto

'Work for Adyar – the Masters' Home'. In May, Dr Dušan • agar delivered a public lecture on 'To Be Really Human' in Maribor. In September, Mrs Femmie Liezenga delivered a lecture on 'The Art of Listening: A Road to Growing Awareness' in Understanding Lodge in Celje. Two volumes of the magazine *Teozofska Misel* have appeared.

Dr Dušan • agar
Organizing Secretary

TOGO

The studies related primarily to Annie Besant's book *Introduction to Yoga* and Krishnamurti's *At the Feet of the Master*. Isolated members all over the country meet in groups (wherever they are) to study according to the programme. The John Coats Branch continued the study of *Theosophy in the Twentieth Century* by Marcel Bhorer and *Esoteric Christianity* by Annie Besant. The Krishnamurti Branch has studied *An Outline of Theosophy* by C. W. Leadbeater and 'The Law of Karma

and Reincarnation'. In all the Branches meditation of the full moon is organized. On 14 and 15 August 2010 active members and sympathizers of all the three Branches took part in a National Seminar and listened to a talk on 'The Holy Trinity: the Mother of the World' by C. W. Leadbeater. The Regional Association benefits from support of the French Section.

Mr K. Dakey
Organizing Secretary

URUGUAY

Mrs Isis Resende, from Brazil, gave public lectures on the following titles: 'Jung and St. Therese of Avila', 'An Encounter with the Unconscious', 'Occult Study and Contemplation', 'Meditation on Emptiness' and 'Thoughts about Tibetan

Buddhism'. Mr Rafael Ochoviet, a nutritionist, gave three lectures on 'The Path of Vegetarianism'. Mrs Dolores Gago gave five talks on Shirley Nicholson's book *Ancient Wisdom, Modern Insight*. Mr Terry Hunt, from the United States,

gave three talks on 'Bardo and Devachan', 'From Death to Reincarnation' and 'The Lost Son is Me'. Books studied by the Branches included *The Secret Doctrine*, *Esoteric Christianity*, *The Science of Yoga*

and *Seek Out the Way*. Mrs Dolores Gago was elected Organizing Secretary.

Mr Nelson Corrales
Organizing Secretary

WALES

The Welsh Region has ninety-nine members. Meetings are well attended and are held twice a month at the four venues in North Wales. Public talks on Theosophy were arranged twice a month this year by the members of Bangor Lodge. The Bangor members also meet once a month to study Sankaracharya's *Crest-jewel of Discrimination*.

The Conwy Branch arranges public talks once a month. There is also a monthly study group for members on the *Bhagavadgitā*. Two 'Theosophical Awareness Days' were held at the Conwy library to introduce Theosophy and our Society to the public. The Colwyn Bay Lodge has been revived after a break of over ten years. Meetings started again in October with an average of nine people attending twice a month. Members from other Lodges in North Wales provided speakers for public talks on Theosophy twice a month. Mrs Maureen Atkinson

came from England and gave a talk on 'The Eternal Pilgrim'. The book *Man a Universe in Miniature* by Joy Piper was taken up for study.

A Theosophical Convention of all Wales was held at Bangor Lodge in April. Over fifty people attended. Ms Susan Bayliss, the English National Secretary, was the guest speaker and gave two talks on 'From Super Mind to Super Science' and 'The Healing Power of Thought'. A new website <http://www.theosophytalks.co.uk/> has been set up by Daffyd Monks, a young member of Bangor Lodge. Talks given at Bangor Lodge and also some from other Lodges can be listened to online or downloaded.

Ms Julie Cunningham
Organizing Secretary

PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

ASIA, SOUTH-EAST

(No report)

BOLIVIA

There are three Lodges and one Study Group in La Paz. Books studied during the year included *The Secret Doctrine* and *Self-Culture*. Public lectures were also held regularly. The three Lodges in Cochabamba also had regular activities,

including joint meetings. National gatherings were held in February and May 2010, as well as a series of public talks.

Mrs Teresa Wayar de Nunes
Presidential Representative

COSTA RICA

There are three Lodges and two Study Centres in the country. Weekly programme included the study of texts by Adam Warcup, HPB, Joy Mills, Hermes, Zoroaster, Pythagoras, Giordano Bruno, among others. The *Upasika* Bulletin was published quarterly and distributed internally. The Third Annual Convention took place on 16-18 November 2009 on the theme 'Symposium about Union and

Brotherhood'. Thanks to several donations by members and the Lodges the amount of USD\$420.00 was collected to be given to the TS in Chile towards the repair of their headquarters damaged by the earthquake that affected that country.

Mrs Maria de los Angeles Orlich Soto
Presidential Representative

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The study of the book *A Study in Consciousness* by Annie Besant continued. On the last Wednesday of each month diverse topics regarding spirituality and current events affecting everyone's life,

such as climatic change and its repercussions, were discussed. Documentaries of both a scientific and spiritual content were also presented. They included a documentary on therapeutic touch and

energy fields, as well as a movie on reincarnation and the evolution of the universe. Members have permanent access to the library services. New books were acquired, both for sale and for the library. A well-attended seminar was held in May 2010 in the city of Jarabacoa, with Mrs Nelda Samarel, from the United

States, as guest speaker. She also visited the Nueva Aurora Lodge in the city of Puerto Plata, giving talks for the public and for members.

Mrs Magaly Polanco
Presidential Representative

HUNGARY

The work has continued in all three Lodges, one working in the countryside and the other two in Budapest. Monthly public lectures were held, with attendance varying between 25 and 50 participants. The main subjects were the basic laws of human behavior, the causal body, the development of mankind on the earth, etc., compiled mostly from the book series by A. E. Powell. 'Open Meetings' were organized once a month, following public talks, in order to meet new interested people and answer their questions about the talks. For the last nine years one of

the members, living about 200 km from Budapest, has led a study group for non-members. Mr Szabari has made new translations and helped with the correction of some earlier published titles for the new editions. *The Solar System* by A. E. Powell was published during the year. Seven members participated in the 10th World Congress. At present there are forty-one members.

Mr Thomas Martinovich
Presidential Representative

PAKISTAN

The Lodge and TS do not work due to political conditions. But the Montessori

School and some other small activities go on.

PERU

The two Lodges – HPB and Verdad – held regular public talks. The HPB Lodge offered a course on the 'Basis of Esoteric Philosophy' for three days, conducted by Mrs Edith Pomar and attended by sixteen people, five of whom applied for member-

ship. A Course of Theosophy is freely offered on the Internet. In HPB Lodge members continued the study of *The Inner Life* by C. W. Leadbeater. Members of the Verdad Lodge studied the subject of 'Death' using the books of Arthur

Powell and others. The TS has won the first of three stages of a legal process to get its land and have a good possibility of success at the second trial. The TOS collected medicines and clothes for old

people. The membership stands now at twenty-three.

Mr Julio Gerardo Pomar
Presidential Representative

PUERTO RICO

There are three Lodges and one Study Group meeting every week. Books studied include *At the Feet of the Master*, with commentaries from C. W. Leadbeater and Annie Besant, *The Key to Theosophy* and *The Secret Doctrine* by H. P. Blavatsky. A conference is held every Sunday for members and guests. In October, visiting

international speaker Mr Terry Hunt presented a talk on 'The Path of Discipleship'. In April, Mrs Nelda Samarel gave a seminar on 'Therapeutic Touch'.

Mr Eladio Polanco
Presidential Representative

SRI LANKA

Monthly meetings and discussions are conducted to promote the teaching of Theosophy and relevant subjects. In September 2010, Mr Pedro Oliveira visited Sri Lanka and addressed gatherings of members and children on Theosophy at the Dharmaraja College, (Kandy), Ananda College and the Musaeus College in Colombo. We have organized Study Centres in Dharmaraja College and Musaeus College and are sending them booklets and printed matter on Theosophy. The 135th birthday of the Theosophical Society was celebrated

and six senior members were felicitated with trophies bearing TS symbols as remembrances for their services. The 135th special birthday issue of the magazine *Sri Lanka Theosophist* was brought out. A special meeting of the Colombo Branch was organized for the revival of the Besant Lodge. Discussions on Dhamma and Meditation were conducted at the Hansa and Uva Lodges in Badulla.

Mr S. M. Jayathilake
Presidential Representative

SWITZERLAND

There are forty-two members and three Lodges in Switzerland. Three seminars were held during the year: one in D'Ascona, 27-28 March 2010, in collaboration with the Italian Section of the TS, on 'Brotherhood, Compassion and

Liberation', and the other two in Geneva in February and October 2010, both of which were conducted by Miss Kim Diêu.

Mme Eliane Gaillard
Presidential Representative

VENEZUELA

The number of members remains the same. Regular study is done in the Lodges. Meetings are organized in the capital, Caracas, as well as in Los Teques.

Members also take part in radio programmes.

Mrs Nelly Nouell
Presidential Agent

LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

LOTUS LODGE (ZAGREB, CROATIA)

The Lodge has now twenty-two members and six candidates for membership. Meetings in Zagreb take place bimonthly with a public lecture every week. Themes discussed include 'Fundamental Teachings of Theosophy', 'Practical Theosophy' and a study of *At the Feet of the Master*. The journal *Theosophy* continues to be published

quarterly. A few members of the Slovenian TS and Miss Mary Anderson from UK visited the Lodge in Karlovac on 13 June 2010. White Lotus Day was celebrated on 8 of May.

Mr • eljko • emlja
Vice-President

EL SOL (GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR)

(No report)

COVENANT LODGE (TEL AVIV, ISRAEL)

Membership has increased to eighty-five. Three meetings were held every month for members. The topics included 'Dharma', 'The Hidden Powers of Man', 'God, Nature and Man in Theosophy' and 'The Inner Work that Leads to Unity'. Average attendance at these meetings was thirteen. Each month two public meetings were held in Tel Aviv and two others in the centres in Ramat-Gun and Zichron Ya'akov. Monthly meetings were also held in Ramat-Gun with themes from *The Secret Doctrine*. Once every two months, a day or two or a weekend is devoted to study and meditation. Average participation in these events was about

forty people, including members and non-members. Some seminars were also conducted on topics like 'Truth and Illusion in the Teachings on Karma', '*The Secret Doctrine*', HPB and the Meaning of Life'. Two one-day Conventions open to the public were held with a participation of 152 and 125, respectively. The eleven workshops also attracted good participation. The 90th issue of the magazine *Or* was brought out as well as six issues of the internet magazine *Or-Net*.

Mr Abraham Oron
President

NIPPON LODGE (TOKYO, JAPAN)

The Nippon Lodge held monthly meetings in Tokyo with an average attendance of twelve. Recent studies were based on the Japanese translations of H. P. Blavatsky's *Isis Unveiled*, *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Inner Group Teachings* and *The Circle of Wisdom*, a Blavatsky quotation book compiled by Winifred A. Parley. The subjects of the meeting included themes such as the seven cosmic principles, H. P. Blavatsky's Theosophical synthesis of Indian philosophy, Platonic philosophy, Christian religion, Jewish religion, Egyptian religion, and a background of psychic phenomena and

the deeper psychological meanings of occultism and religion. Translations continue to be published, the most recent being Irving Cooper's *Theosophy Simplified*. In addition a bimonthly Japanese *Theosophist* goes out. The contents of the magazine are Japanese translations of Dr Annie Besant's *Thought Power*, C. W. Leadbeater's *A Textbook of Theosophy* and *The Hidden Life in Freemasonry*, and H. P. Blavatsky's *Theosophical Glossary*.

Mr Taichi Yamaguchi
Secretary

SINGAPORE LODGE

As of September 2010, there were 366 members, an increase of twenty-two members over the last year. While some members did not choose to renew their memberships, there was a growing number of earnest students amongst the new members. The Executive Committee continued to focus on 'A Course in Theosophy' (ACT) programme as the principal means to attract new members. Two classes were conducted in May and October 2010, respectively, and contributed to the increase in new members. Meditation courses have now been combined with the ACT course and are quite popular. The Mahatma Letters Study Class, initiated last year, was continued this year. More than forty students attend the class each week. The Lodge also organized talks and lectures

on several TS themes. Talk titles included 'Reincarnation – Fact or Fallacy?', 'The Nature of Psychic Abilities', 'The Purpose of the Theosophical Society' and 'Book Study: *The Inner Life*'. Several videos were also screened, such as 'Theosophy for Everyone' by the Blavatsky Trust and 'Adyar – Home of the TS'. On 29 July 2010 the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, gave a talk on 'The Theosophical Society's Future Work' to a capacity audience. Members of the Lodge donated SGD\$5,100 to the TS/TOS Centre in Santiago, Chile, who were unfortunate victims of the February earthquake.

Mr Chong Sanne
President

ANKH LODGE (KIEV, UKRAINE)

There are four Lodges and more than seventy members in the Ukraine. All the groups celebrated White Lotus Day, and several members attended the World Congress in Rome. The keynote for the last year was the study of 'Science and Spirituality'. In Kiev about sixty people from Russia and Ukraine took part in a conference in November on 'Actions without Attachments', comprising of twelve lectures. The e-magazine *Svitoch* has been appearing regularly. Public lectures on 'The Fundamentals of

Theosophy' were held. A seminar on 'Spiritual Psychology' was conducted once a month. Monthly study meetings on *The Secret Doctrine* are also held. Weekly meetings of the young theosophical group, comprising of seven members, also take place. During the year four seminars were held in Odessa, Lugansk, Lvov and Kiev.

Mrs S. Gavrylenko
President

ALETHEIA LODGE (YALTA, UKRAINE)

Lodge meetings were held weekly with all members, and closed meetings were held once a month. Books including *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Voice of the Silence* and *At the Feet of the Master* were

studied. White Lotus Day was celebrated with a ceremony, two reports and a cultural programme.

Mrs T. Kozhemiakina
President

PEARL NECKLACE LODGE (ODESSA, UKRAINE)

Regular meetings were held where members studied *The Secret Doctrine*. General meetings are also held every two weeks for all who are interested in Theosophy. White Lotus Day was celebrated. The newspaper 'The Road to Cognition' is published five times a year, and includes articles on Theosophy as well as translations from *The History of*

the Theosophical Society. In addition, several books were published. Some of the members visit prisoners in a penal colony where lectures on Theosophy are held and are much appreciated.

Ms V. Perevalov
President

H. P. BLAVATSKY LODGE (DNIPROPETROVSK, UKRAINE)

The Lodge now has fifteen members. Meetings are held regularly, and themes discussed include organization and

participation in conferences, seminars, improvement of Lodge work and dissemination of Theosophical knowledge, ideas

and principles. Theosophical literature studied includes two volumes of *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Mahatma Letters* and the basis of theosophical knowledge. The summer programme included regular public meetings with films, demonstration, lectures and discussions. On 7 May members organized a conference on 'Modern Outlook: Spiritual Aspects of

Development of a Science of the Twenty-first Century', based on HPB's heritage. White Lotus Day was celebrated, and six members of the Lodge participated in the tenth World Congress.

Mrs T. Golovchenko
President

ORLANDO LODGE (U.S.A.)

This Lodge is attached to the Headquarters at Adyar. It is reported to have a fine property.

FEDERATIONS

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

(No report)

INDO-PACIFIC THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

INTER-AMERICAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

At the request of various countries, due to the World Congress in Rome, there were no IATF international events this year. The Federation organized two lecture tours: in October 2009 Mr Terry Hunt visited Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic, and from February to March 2010, Mr Isaac Jauli visited Cochabamba

and La Paz, in Bolivia. We have been busy with the preparations for the Federation Congress which will take place in the Dominican Republic, in July 2011, in conjunction with the IATF Triennial Meeting.

Mrs Terezinha Franca Kind
President

PAN-AFRICAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

The Federation comprises three Sections: South Africa, West Africa (Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroun and Liberia) and East & Central Africa (4 countries – Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda & Zambia). Mr Tom Davis, General Secretary of South Africa and Founding Chairman of the Federation, attended all Conventions of the East and Central African Section. He

also created the Federation website. Regular newsletters have been sent covering news and activities of the three Sections. It is hoped that efforts will be made to bring the members of the Federation closer.

Mr Kiran H. Shah
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MINUTES

of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held on Saturday, 25 December 2010, at Adyar

PRESENT

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President (in the chair) and proxy for Ricardo Lindemann, Greece, E & C Africa and Mexico</i>
Mrs Linda Oliveira	<i>Vice-President</i>
Mrs Kusum Satapathy	<i>Secretary and proxy for West Africa</i>
Miss Keshwar Dastur	<i>Treasurer and proxy for Mr Surendra Narayan</i>
Dr Dara Tattray	<i>General Secretary, Australia and proxy for New Zealand</i>
Mr Marcos L. B. Resende	<i>General Secretary, Brazil and proxy for Argentina</i>
Mr Jan Jelle Keppler	<i>General Secretary, Belgium</i>
Mr S. Sundaram	<i>General Secretary, India</i>
Mr Antonio Girardi	<i>General Secretary, Italy</i>
Ms Marja Artamaa	<i>General Secretary, Finland</i>
Ms Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu	<i>General Secretary, France and proxy for Spain</i>
Mrs Manuela Kaulich	<i>General Secretary, Germany</i>
Ms Els Rijneker	<i>General Secretary, Netherlands</i>
Mr Carlos Guerra	<i>General Secretary, Portugal</i>
Mr Tom Davis	<i>General Secretary, South Africa</i>
Mrs Betty Bland	<i>General Secretary, USA and proxy for England</i>
Mr Pertti Spets	<i>General Secretary, Sweden</i>
Mr Herry Ispomomo	<i>General Secretary, Indonesia</i>
Mrs Helen Jamieson	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mr D. K. Govindaraj	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mr H. K. Sharan	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mr Sriram Panchu	<i>Additional Member</i>

Present as Observers by invitation:

Mrs Breda Zagar	<i>Organizing Secretary, Slovenia</i>
Mrs Agnes Gasemyr	<i>Organizing Secretary, Norway</i>
Ms Sandy Ravelli	<i>New Zealand</i>
Dr Dusan Zagar	<i>Slovenia</i>
Mr Colin Price	<i>England</i>
Mrs Patrizia Calvi	<i>Italy</i>
Mrs Lavinia Michelle	<i>Indonesia</i>

The list of proxies was read out as above. The President welcomed those present.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held at Adyar on 25 December 2009 having been circulated, were taken as read and signed.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes

A query was made regarding the mode of election of Additional Members, the results of which had been recorded in the 2009 minutes. In relation to elections held in 2008, it was stated by Mr Sriram Panchu, a lawyer, that no court of law would entertain reviewing these elections at this late stage. Discussion took place regarding elections and it was noted that the international Rules required some review and clarification.

3. Voting for General Council members

For this meeting only, in respect of Voting for Additional Members, it was resolved that General Councillors present at the meeting, who had not yet voted, could vote at the meeting. Proxies not previously submitted were also permitted to be lodged at the meeting. These allowances were made due to a view held by some General Council members that there is ambiguity in the relevant international Rules.

(a) *Re-election of Miss Joy Mills and Mr Surendra Narayan as Additional Members*

The President had nominated Miss Joy Mills and Mr Surendra Narayan for re-election under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations as Additional Members of the General Council for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013.

The result of the voting was as follows:

	<i>For:</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>Abstained:</i>
Miss Joy Mills	27	5	2
Mr Surendra Narayan	26	5	3

Miss Joy Mills and Mr Surendra Narayan were declared elected as Additional Members of the General Council for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013.

(b) *Election of Mr Bhupendra Vora, Mr Dusan Zagar and Mr Keith Fisher as Additional Members*

The President had nominated Mr Bhupendra Vora, Mr Dusan Zagar and Mr Keith Fisher for election under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations as Additional Members of the General Council for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013.

The result of the voting was as follows:

	<i>For:</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>Abstained:</i>
Mr Bhupendra Vora	25	7	2
Mr Dusan Zagar	20	10	4
Mr Keith Fisher	19	11	4

Mr Bhupendra Vora, Mr Dusan Zagar and Mr Keith Fisher were declared elected as Additional Members of the General Council for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013.

4. Report on the Non-English Publications Fund

The Secretary reported that in spite of income from Bank Interest and dividends from USB Bonds, the value of the Fund decreased by \$ 2765 due to a fall in the exchange rate of the Euro. It now stands at \$ 107,394.

The following were appointed members of the NEPF Committee for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013:

The President
The Vice-President
The Treasurer of the TS
The Secretary of the TS
General Secretary, France

5. Report on the International Funds

The Secretary presented the report and stated that no details of the International Fund held in USA were received despite reminders. It was decided that the English Fund and the New Zealand Fund would be closed.

The following were appointed members of the International Funds Committee for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013:

The President	Chairman
The Vice-President	Vice-Chairman
The Secretary of the TS	
The Treasurer of the TS	

6. Report by the President on Headquarters

The sandalwood trees are still attracting thieves. We are improving the buildings one by one. The progress has been slow due to lack of personnel. The Headquarters Hall has been renovated. Renovation of Leadbeater Chambers has been partly done. Bhojanasala and New Quadrangle are getting repaired. The Shrines and the Library have been repaired.

7. Appointment of Executive Committee for 2011

The following Executive Committee members were appointed for 2011:

Mrs Radha Burnier	President (ex-officio)
Mrs Linda Oliveira	Vice-President (ex-officio)

Mrs Kusum Satapathy	Secretary (ex-officio)
Miss Keshwar Dastur	Treasurer (ex-officio)
Mr D. K. Govindaraj	General Council Member
Mr Surendra Narayan	General Council Member
Mr H. K. Sharan	General Council Member
Mr Sriram Panchu	General Council Member
Mr S. Harihara Raghavan	Member
Prof. C. A. Shinde	Member

8. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010

The Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010, which had been previously circulated, were considered and approved. Several queries were answered.

9. The Budget for the year ending 31 March 2012

The Budget for the year ending 31 March 2012, which had been previously circulated, was considered and approved.

10. Appointment of Auditors for the year ending 31 March 2011

M/s Shrihari & Co, who were the Auditors for 2009-2010, were again appointed as Auditors of the Theosophical Society for the year ending 31 March 2011 on the same terms.

11. Proposal regarding policies sent by Dr Dara Tatray, General Secretary, TS in Australia

The proposal for having a policy document for the TS was considered. A Committee consisting of the following was constituted to go into the matter in detail and make recommendations for consideration by the General Council:

Vice-President, Mrs Linda Oliveira	<i>Coordinator</i>
International Secretary, Mrs Kusum Satapathy	
Treasurer, Miss Keshwar Dastur	
General Secretary of Australia, Dr Dara Tatray	
General Secretary of USA, Mrs Betty Bland	
General Secretary of France, Ms Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu	
General Secretary of Brazil, Mr Marcos L. B. Resende	
General Secretary of South Africa, Mr Tom Davis	
Additional Member, Mr H. K. Sharan	

12. Discussion on work around the world

The tenth World Congress took place in Italy this year. It was well attended by delegates from several countries. Videos of Congress sessions are on the Italian Section's website.

13. Any other business

1. The President proposed that the Subba Row Medal be awarded to Miss Joy Mills for her contribution to Theosophical literature and the Council decided to award the Medal to Miss Joy Mills for her contribution.

2. The possibility of changing the date of the General Council Meetings from Christmas Day was considered as the result of a submission by the English Section. The decision for the change could be taken up only after ascertaining the considered views of all Council members. The Vice-President was asked to ascertain the views of all the members of the General Council.

3. On a question being asked, the following Committee was constituted to examine the decision of the Executive Committee not to renew the lease of buildings in the Damodar Gardens to the Krishnamurti Foundation of India beyond the present lease period ending in 2014: Mr Sriram Panchu, Mr S. Sundaram and Mr Pedro Oliveira.

4. It was agreed that problems arising in any particular Section have to be addressed by that Section itself. Sections may take advice, but are not obligated to use it.

5. A Committee to review the international Rules was formed consisting of Mr Sriram Panchu and the General Secretary, Brazil, which will liaise with the Policies Committee as necessary.

6. An email concerning an alternative method of TOS funding for the coming year had been received from the TOS International Secretary. It involved funds payable from the United States and was not supported by the General Secretary of the American Section. It was agreed that a viable method of funding should be worked out by the TOS.

7. It was noted that the members of the General Council were emailed in March 2009 regarding the launch of the new international TS website. *

